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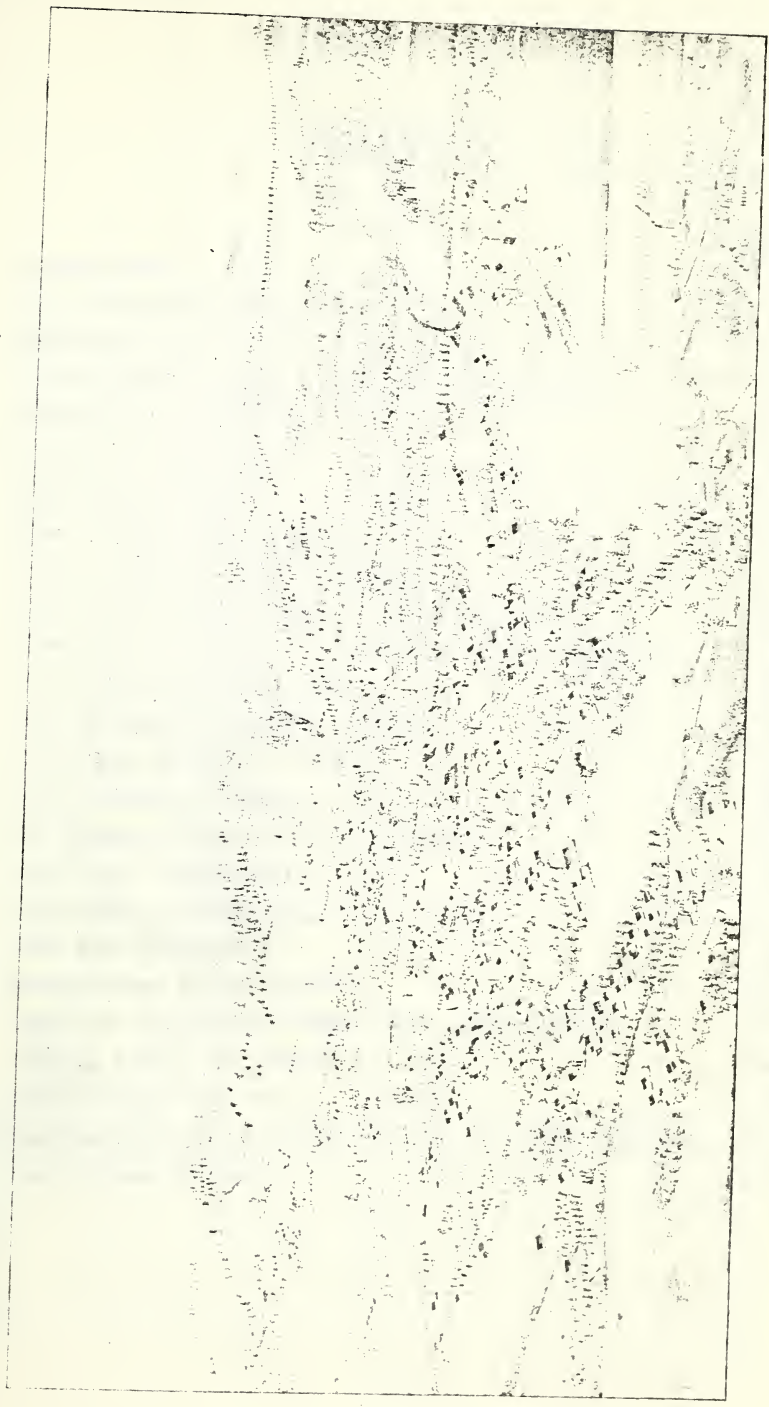
HISTORICAL SKETCH
OF THE
VILLAGE OF GOWANDA, N.Y.
IN
COMMEMORATION
OF THE
Fiftieth Anniversary of its Incorporation
AUGUST 8, 1898.

COMPILED BY I. R. LEONARD.



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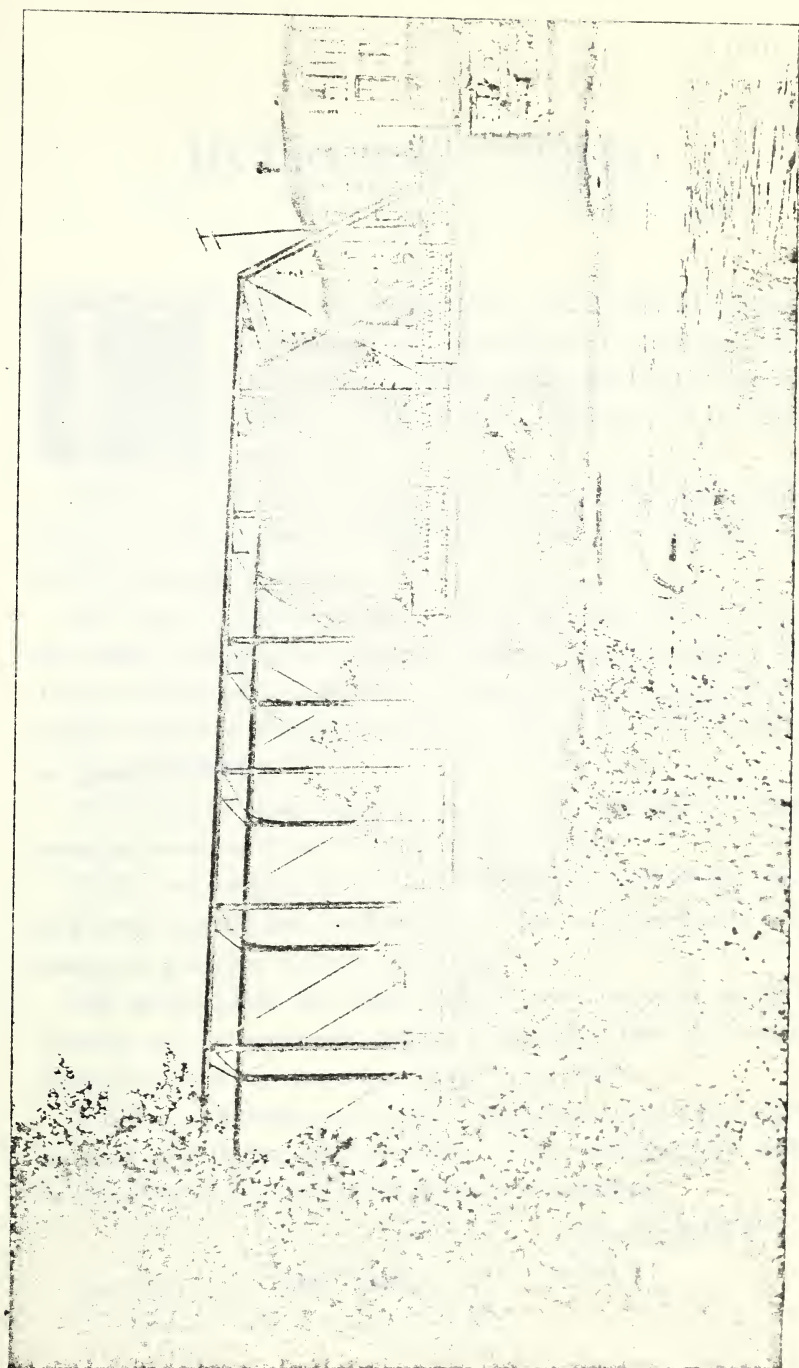
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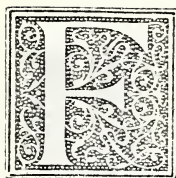
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IRON BRIDGE OVER CATTARAUGUS CREEK,
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INTRODUCTORY.



FROM time immemorial it has been the custom of nations and individuals to celebrate with appropriate ceremonies the anniversary of important events in their political and personal history.

Following this custom, the people of the village of Gowanda desire in like manner to observe the fiftieth anniversary of their municipal existence.

As a part of the ceremonies commemorating this event, it has been deemed appropriate to combine, in a souvenir or historic volume, such information relating to this village and its earlier residents as can be readily obtained, and which will be of general interest.

All history, not a matter of actual and immediate record, must of a necessity be more or less inaccurate.

While not expecting it to be absolutely correct, it has been the intention to have the contents of this volume conform as nearly as possible to the actual facts.

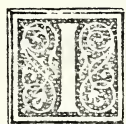
The information has been derived from the most reliable sources, so far as known, and as errors have been discovered from time to time, corrections have been made.

Trusting the reader will take it, excusing such inaccuracies as exist, and in the spirit in which it was compiled, this book is submitted without further apology or comment.

I. R. LEONARD.

GOWANDA, N. Y., June 1, 1898.

THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.



IN THE latter part of the year 1897 the citizens of Gowanda began to discuss the idea of celebrating, in August, 1898, the fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of the village.

The Gowanda Board of Trade, of which J. E. VanDeusen is president and S. G. Keyes, secretary, had been instrumental in procuring several enterprises for the village, hence the first definite action towards the celebration was very appropriately taken by this board.

Early in February, 1898, a committee, consisting of Dr. A. D. Lake, J. H. Schaack and I. R. Leonard, were appointed, at a meeting of the board, to outline a plan for the proposed celebration, and to suggest appropriate committees to carry the same into execution.

The report was adopted, and the committees appointed as suggested, thus perfecting the anniversary organization.

In addition to the above, the executive committee were authorized to create other committees as occasion might require, and to name persons to fill the same.

The permanent organization as completed is composed of the following committees:

Executive.

E. C. FISHER, *Chairman.*

Dr. A. D. LAKE,

W. N. WALLACE,

EDWARD ETSLER,

FRANK W. KAMMERER.

Finance.

GEORGE B. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

F. E. BARD,

R. C. HOLMES,

J. H. SCHAACK,

F. J. BLACKMON,

E. A. SHAW,

A. T. JOHNSON.

Decorations.

B. L. KIMBLE, *Chairman.*

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| R. A. NOBLETT, | C. S. PHELPS, | A. S. CARPENTER, |
| PETER RINK, | WILLIAM WOODIN, | GEORGE MOLL, |
| GEORGE W. SCOTT, | A. L. ANDERSON, | CHARLES SIPPLE, |
| E. C. COUNTRYMAN, | FRED ARNOLD, | GEO. C. McMILLEN. |
| N. B. ALLEN, | JOHN SCHWARTZ, | |

Loan Exhibition.

W. R. SMALLWOOD, *Chairman.*

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| S. G. KEYES, | G. M. CONGDON, | O. K. PARKER, |
| R. M. HUSSEY, | N. A. CHAFFEE, | JAMES KAVANAUGH, |
| S. C. MUNGER, | J. A. BESTRUP. | |

Old Settlers' Reunion.

Dr. C. C. JOHNSON, *Chairman.**

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| E. T. McCUTCHEON, | M. N. ALLEN, | Capt. J. B. MALTBIE, |
| W. W. WELCH, | Col. T. J. PARKER, | M. T. HILL, |
| | Dr. J. G. RUGG. | |

Reception.

J. E. VANDEUSEN, *Chairman.*

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| Hon. J. M. CONGDON, | A. M. DELONG, | M. M. MCGUIRE, |
| A. C. STAFFORD, | F. L. MATTOCKS, | W. W. CHAFFEE, |
| B. G. HILL, | J. H. VAN VALKENBURG, | JAMES KAVANAUGH, |
| LEE GEORGE, | V. C. ARMES, | JOHN R. CLARK, |
| Dr. J. D. ZWETSCH, | Dr. B. R. JOHNSON, | W. H. BRITTON, Jr. |

Parades.

H. R. GAENSSLEN, *Chairman.*

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| C. B. MORGAN, | R. P. JOHNSON, | H. W. HOOKER, |
| T. D. KEYES, | D. H. FOSTER, | P. H. HORTON, |
| GEO. I. LINCOLN, | D. B. FORBUSH, | F. BRENNENSTUHL, |
| J. P. BRUECK, | FRANK DAVIS, | M. KENNEDY, |
| JOHN DANKERT, | FRANK REYNOLDS, | JOHN WILSON, |
| H. S. PIERCE, | And members of G. A. R. | |

* Deceased.

Advertising.

FRANKLIN D. LOCKE, Buffalo ; FRANK W. KAMMERER,
RALPH H. PLUMB, Buffalo ; HENRY C. WELCH.

Souvenirs.

P. H. HORTON, W. H. BRITTON, Jr.

Music.

J. H. SCHACK, *Chairman.*

S. H. ARNOLD, WILLIAM EATON.

General Officers.

N. A. CHAFFEE, *Corresponding Secretary.*
W. H. BARD, *Treasurer.*
GEO. H. SWIFT, *Marshal.*
(He to choose his aides.)
I. R. LEONARD, *Historian.*

It is but justice that the anniversary organization shall here express the thanks of its members and of the people of this village to the former residents of Gowanda, who have so generously contributed towards the expenses of this celebration.

Their acts show that they still retain kindly recollections of this village and its people.

Thanks are no less due to those of our citizens who, financially and otherwise, have aided so materially in making this celebration appropriate to the occasion.

Particular mention is due Messrs. Grattan & Jennings, the contractors in charge of the State Hospital buildings, who are among the most liberal contributors to the celebration fund.

Although these gentlemen have never been residents of our village, still, in connection with their various enterprises in this vicinity, they and their representatives have been associated with our people so intimately that we have almost come to consider them residents of Gowanda.

GOWANDA, N. Y.



OWANDA is an incorporated village of about 2,000 inhabitants, lying on both sides of the Cattaraugus Creek, which at this point is the dividing line between the counties of Erie and Cattaraugus.

The village lies about equally in the town of Collins, in Erie County, and in the town of Persia, in Cattaraugus County.

It is situate on the Buffalo and Southwestern Division of the Erie Railroad, about thirty-three miles from Buffalo and thirty-seven miles from Jamestown.

Eight passenger trains stop at the station here each week day and four on Sundays.

The village is supplied with an abundance of pure spring water from springs on the hills just out of the village, in Collins, by a gravity system, the property of the Gowanda Water Works Co., which has been in operation about ten years.

In 1896, the village constructed a sewer system, with lines in the principal streets, at an expense of about \$19,000, which furnishes the proper sanitary method of disposing of all refuse liquid matter.

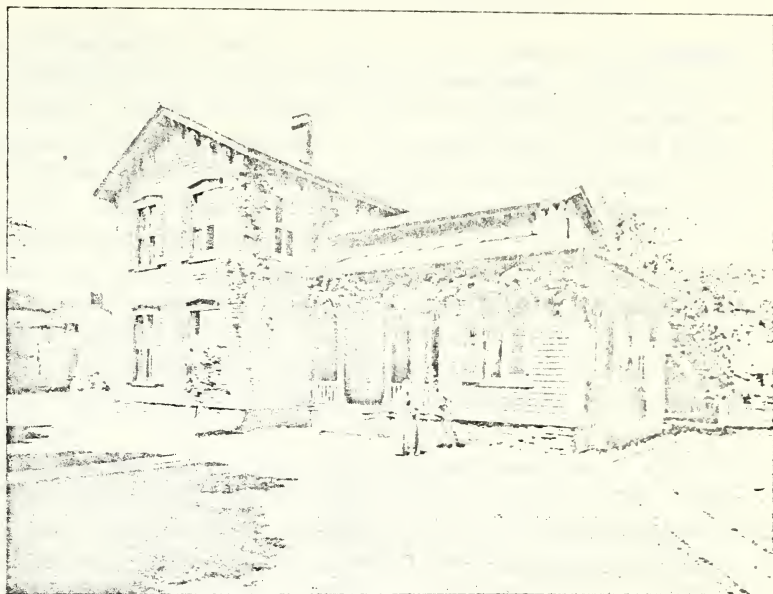
Communication by long distance telephone can be had here over two lines; and W. R. Smallwood's local telephone furnishes an easy method of communication in the village and to some of the surrounding towns.

When incorporated, in 1848, the village covered a territory of 746 acres. By the re-incorporation, in 1878, more territory was added, so that now it comprises approximately 800 acres.

During the past fifty years, this village, like all localities, has had its periods of prosperity and adversity; but without question never during its existence has it been so prosperous as at the present time.

From the recent county history, it appears that Gowanda had the honor of furnishing the first cadet from Cattaraugus County to the U. S. Military Academy, at West Point, in the person of Oscar F. Winship, who entered the academy in 1836.

He graduated and entered the service as 2d Lieutenant of Dragoons on the 1st of July, 1840, and commenced his military career among



RESIDENCE OF MRS. CHARLES ROLLINSON, MAIN STREET.



RESIDENCE OF THE LATE JUDGE WILLIAM WOODBURY, MAIN STREET.

the pine barrens of Florida. He served with great credit to himself and usefulness to the country during the latter part of the Indian war in Florida. During the Mexican war he was brevetted captain for gallant and meritorious conduct at the battles of Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma, and was afterwards promoted to the rank of Major. He was for a period Chief of Staff of Brigadier-General Pierce, later President of the United States.

He filled other important positions, and was for a time after the Mexican war stationed at Troy, N. Y., and in 1851 was married to Mary B. Pierson, a daughter of Job Pierson, a prominent member at that time of the Rensselaer County bar. Mrs. Winship is now living, together with one son, Samuel C. Winship, in the city of New York.

Gowanda has also the honor of furnishing a participant in the first battle in the war with Spain, in the person of Frank H. Bailey, who was chief engineer of the "Raleigh," one of the vessels composing the Asiatic squadron, which captured the Spanish fleet at Manila, in the Philippine Islands, May 1, 1898.

Mr. Bailey is a graduate of the naval academy at Annapolis, Md., and has been in the navy for about twenty years.

What is now Gowanda was once known as Aldrich's Mills. In 1823 the village and post-office became Lodi, but, as there was a Lodi in Seneca County, much confusion arose in the mails, hence the post-office was changed to Persia, but the name of the village, Lodi, was retained.

It became evident that it was bad policy to have different names for the village and post-office, and it was proposed to select a new name for both the village and post-office. Judge Chester Howe and Hon. J. H. Plumb conceived the idea of selecting an Indian name, and referred the matter to Rev. Asher Wright, the Presbyterian missionary on the Cattaraugus Reservation, and asked him to suggest a name of Indian origin.

He informed them that the Indians at an early day had applied the name "Juc-Gowanda" to this valley, the signification being "A valley among the hills." He suggested that they might drop the "Juc" and select Gowanda as the name of the village.

This met the approval of the citizens and the change was accordingly made.

No other post-office by the name of Gowanda appears in the U. S. Post-office directory.

Ralph Plumb was the pioneer merchant of the then village of Lodi, he having established the first store in the place. At the time of his death he had been a resident of Erie County for fifty years.

In 1829 he was Postmaster here, and in 1835 was elected to the Legislature, and in 1843 was elected sheriff of Erie County. In an early day he made extensive purchases of pine lands in this vicinity, and built saw mills and grist mills on the Cattaraugus Creek at this place.

He was supervisor from the town of Collins for fourteen or fifteen years, during nearly all of which time he was the chairman of that body. He died on the 28th of February, 1865.

Turner Stewart, now about seventy years of age, is the oldest person born in the village who now lives here, and Amasa W. W. Chaffee is the next oldest. Mr. Chaffee is the only survivor of the officers elected at the first village election in 1848. Turner Stewart is a grandson of Turner Aldrich, who about the year 1818 bought from the Holland Land Company all, or nearly all, the land composing the present village of Gowanda.

Mrs. S. C. Springer and Mrs. Delia Burke are the two oldest residents now living here.

The pioneers of this vicinity undoubtedly recognized the value of the water power furnished by the Cattaraugus Creek at this place, and to that fact was probably due the location of the village at this point.

While the water power has been of great value to this vicinity, at the same time the stream has been a source of much expense from time to time, especially in the matter of bridges.

The Legislature of 1826 passed an act authorizing a few of the towns of Erie and Cattaraugus counties to erect a bridge across the Cattaraugus Creek at Lodi, the expense to be charged upon the taxable property of those towns, and appointing Phineas Spencer, Ralph Plumb and Benjamin Waterman commissioners to carry the same into effect. In July of that year these commissioners entered into a contract with Ahaz Allen and Edwin Farnsworth to build a bridge and have it completed by the first of January, 1827, at an expense of \$1,200. The bridge was a covered wooden structure, and was burned by the fire in April, 1856.

Soon after a similar bridge was erected on the same site, which stood until September, 1861, when the same was washed away and landed down the stream near the school house.

So much of the bank was washed away that it became necessary to have a bridge of greater span. The span of the old bridges between the abutments had been 128 feet, and it was decided to lengthen the new bridge nineteen feet, making the span between the abutments 147 feet.

January 31, 1862, James Locke, commissioner on behalf of Cattaraugus County, and John E. Moss, commissioner on the part of Erie County, entered into a contract with Edwin P. and George Dailey to build this new bridge, of a style similar to the old one of the length above stated.

They were permitted to use so much of the old bridge as was suitable for the purpose. The lower cords were to extend several feet over the abutments, and for that reason were to be 163 feet in their entire length. For doing the work and furnishing the materials the Messrs. Dailey were to receive \$1,800. The bridge was accepted as satisfactory by the commissioners October 1, 1862.

During the interval between the washing away of the old bridge and the completion of the new bridge, temporary bridges, resting on trestles were erected, seven of which were washed away and as often rebuilt. The bridge, built in 1862, stood until 1889, when it was declared unsafe, and was replaced by the present iron bridge.

On May 16, 1889, a contract was entered into by James H. Green and Frederick Weigand, commissioners of highways of the town of Persia, and John A. Schoos, commissioner of the town of Collins, with the Groton Bridge & Manufacturing Co., to erect the present bridge for \$7,796.00. The extreme length is 153 feet. The entire cost of removing old bridge, erecting new abutments and building new bridge was about \$13,000. The present piers were built by Silas Vinton, contractor.

The village for many years had two cemeteries, one adjoining the town line of Perrysburgh and one on Buffalo Street.

In the sixties the need of a larger cemetery became apparent, and in 1867 the Gowanda Pine Hill Cemetery Association was formed. The site of the present Pine Hill Cemetery, on the hill east of the village, in the town of Collins, consisting of twenty acres, was donated by Hon. J. H. Plumb, the cemetery authorities to see that it was properly arranged and kept in condition.

The first trustees were John E. Moss, Charles Rollinson, Joseph H. Plumb, Cyrenius C. Torrance, Porter Welch and James H. McMillen.

In 1897, the association purchased two and one third acres more of land adjoining the grounds, for the purpose of procuring water for the cemetery grounds, and a system of water works is now in process of construction.

A gift of \$1,000 from Hon. J. H. Plumb, and of \$200 from Mrs. Jeanette I. Kirby, and a bequest of \$1,000 from the late C. C. Torrance, forms a fund in the hands of the trustees, the income from which is used in beautifying the grounds.

The present board of Trustees are as follows :

William W. Welch, president ; Byron L. Kimble, vice-president ; William R. Smallwood, secretary and treasurer ; George H. Swift, Wallace E. Farnsworth, Theodore F. Welch. George H. Swift, superintendent.

While there are older incorporated villages than Gowanda in Erie County, with the exception of Ellicottville, Gowanda was the first incorporated village in Cattaraugus County, and so far as appears from the recent Cattaraugus County history, will be the first in Cattaraugus County to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its incorporation.

This village will compare favorably with other villages of its size in point of manufacturing, mercantile establishments, and other lines of business, some of which are represented in the advertising portion of this book.

About the year 1896 the tannery firm of Gaensslen, Fisher & Co. (successors to Gaensslen Brothers) expressed a wish to locate their enlarged plant at Hidi in this village, provided they could be furnished with switch accommodations connecting their plant with the railroad. The Board of Trade and the citizens at once took hold of the matter, and soon enough was raised by contribution to purchase and grade the right of way from the railroad to the tannery plant, a distance of about one mile.

About \$3,000 was raised by the citizens, and the Erie Railroad Company very promptly assisted the enterprise by furnishing the ties and rails and laying the same.

The wisdom of securing this enterprise is apparent from the fact that employment is furnished to about 160 men.

INCORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE AND ITS OFFICERS.

THE original incorporation was under Chapter 426 of the Laws of 1847.

The following comments and notices are copied from the *Western Democrat*, published here at that time, relative to the incorporation, the change of name from Lodi to Gowanda, the elections, etc., under the dates given :

JULY 19, 1848.

It will be seen by the notice that our Gowanda corporation election will take place on the 1st day of August. The question stands : Gowanda or no corporation.

AUGUST 9, 1848.

On the 1st day of August the voters within the proposed territory of incorporation met pursuant to public notice for the purpose of changing the name of Lodi with the corporation bill.

The vote was a decided one, only about one-fourth voting against the name Gowanda and the corporation.

Henceforth we will be addressed at the "plain beyond the hills," instead of the justly called place of Low-die.

SEPTEMBER 13, 1848.

There will be a caucus of the voters of the village of Gowanda, on Saturday evening, at seven o'clock, at the Mansion House, kept by H. Pinney, for the purpose of nominating corporation officers.

Our friends and exchanges will discover that we have changed the name of our paper to the new one chosen for our village.

We will receive our address, as we have heretofore, as we have not yet changed the name of the post-office, but shall in a few days from Persia to that of Gowanda. We shall next week give our readers the Indian meaning of the word chosen to designate the village of Lodi.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1848.

We have no room for the Gowanda signification as promised last week.

NOTICE !

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the electors of the village of Gowanda will be held at the Mansion House, kept by H. Pinney. in said village, on Saturday, the 23d day of September, A. D. 1848. for the purpose of electing officers for said village.

At such meeting the polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and will be kept open until four o'clock in the afternoon, when they will be closed. The officers to be elected at said meeting are five trustees, three assessors, one collector, one treasurer, one clerk, three street commissioners and one poundmaster, together with such other officers as shall be deemed necessary.

A. CAMP,
A. BUGBEE,
W. VAN VECHTEN.

Inspectors of Election.

GOWANDA, September 6, 1848.

SEPTEMBER 27, 1848.

GOWANDA CORPORATION ELECTION.

TRUSTEES.—Seth Field, James Locke, Daniel C. Amsden, Harlow Crandall and Francis Peacock.

ASSESSORS.—Amasa L. Chaffee, Hiram Palmer and Samuel Aikin.

STREET COMMISSIONERS.—James H. McMillen, Joseph J. Benton and George S. Hickox.

COLLECTOR.—William H. Murphy.

TREASURER.—Elisha W. Henry.

CLERK.—Samuel C. Springer.

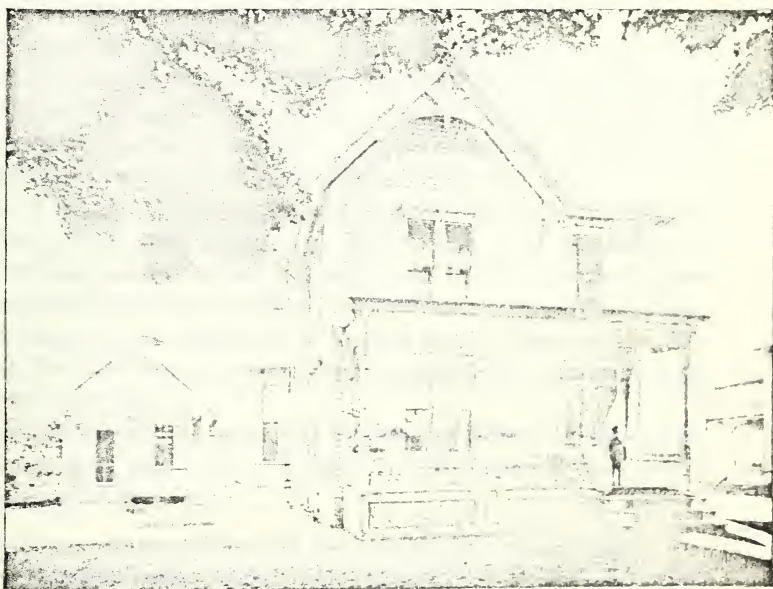
POUNDMASTER.—Ralph Griswold.

HOG CONSTABLES.—Felix McGready, Serono Humphrey, A. W. W. Chaffee.

CONSTABLE.—Brazil Coon.



RESIDENCE OF CHIEF ENGINEER F. H. BAILEY, U. S. N., MAIN STREET.



RESIDENCE OF I. R. LEONARD AND LAW OFFICE OF THRASHER & LEONARD,
JAMESTOWN STREET.

The following, relating to the incorporation, are taken from the records in the County Clerk's office of Cattaraugus County, where they are recorded in Liber two of Miscellaneous Records, at pages 297, 298.

INCORPORATION OF GOWANDA.

We, Asahel Camp, Alvin Bugbee and William Van Vechten, inspectors of election of the town of Persia, do hereby certify that a meeting of electors was held at the time and place specified in and in all respects pursuant to the annexed "Notice."

That immediately after the polls were closed we canvassed the ballots given thereat. That the whole number of such ballots was ninety-six. That the number having thereon the word "Yes" was seventy-five, and the number having thereon the word "No" was twenty-one.

ASAHEL CAMP,
W. VAN VECHTEN,
ALVIN BUGBEE.

Dated August 1, A. D. 1848.

NOTICE.

The Court of Sessions of the County of Cattaraugus having made an order declaring that the territory hereinafter described shall be an incorporated village by the name of Gowanda, if the electors thereof shall consent thereto, according to the provisions of an act to provide for the incorporation of villages, passed December 7, 1847;

Notice is therefore given that a meeting of the electors of the said territory will be held at the Lodi House, kept by M. H. Barker, in such territory, on the 1st day of August, A. D. 1848, for the purpose of determining whether such territory shall be an incorporated village. At such meeting the polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and will be kept open until four o'clock in the afternoon, when they will be closed.

The said territory is situated in the town of Persia, in the County of Cattaraugus, and town of Collins, in the County of Erie, and is bounded as follows, viz:

Beginning on the east line of the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation, at the northwest corner of the farm occupied by John F. Allen: running thence south two degrees and twelve minutes west on the west

line of the sixth township, in the eighth range, one hundred and twenty-three chains and three links, to the southwest corner of lot number twenty-eight in said township; thence south eighty-seven and three-fourths degrees east on the south line of said lot number twenty-eight and of lot number twenty-seven and on said line produced, sixty chains twenty-eight links, to the east line of lot number twenty-six, in said township; thence north two and one-fourth degrees east, on the east line of said lot number twenty-six and of lot number thirty-six, in said township, one hundred and twenty-four chains and twenty-one links, to the northeast corner of said farm occupied by John F. Allen aforesaid; thence north eighty-eight degrees and fifty-three minutes west on the north line of said farm, and the south line of land owned by Hosea Stewart, sixty chains and forty-five links, to the place of beginning, containing seven hundred and forty-six acres.

ASAHEL CAMP,
W. VAN VECHTEN,
A. BUGBEE,

Inspectors of Election of the Town of Persia.

Dated July 8, 1848.

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY, SS.

William VanVechten, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is proprietor and editor of a newspaper known as the *Western Democrat*, which is printed and published in the territory described in the notice annexed above. That such notice was published in said newspaper once in each week for three successive weeks, previous to the meeting mentioned in said notice, and which was held on the first day of August, instant.

W. VAN VECHTEN.

Sworn this 3d day of August,

A. D., 1848, before me.

W. W. WOODBURY, J. P.

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY, SS.

I hereby certify that I have examined the within notice, certificate and affidavit, and from such examination am satisfied that the notifying and holding the meeting in the within notice and certificate mentioned, the canvassing the votes at such meeting and the certificate thereof, are all legal.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of August, 1848.

RENSSELAER LAMB, County Judge.

Recorded 8th August, 1848, at 12 M. and exd.

H. C. GAYLORD, Dep. Clerk.

That the Board of Trustees of the village, after those given above, down to the present, so far as the names can be obtained, were made up as follows :

1849.—

1850.—

1851.—James Locke, A. L. Chaffee, Zimri Warner, Joseph H. Plumb, Titus Roberts.

1852.—J. H. McMillen, Leander N. Gardner, Lyman Knowlton, Joseph J. Benton.

1853.—L. W. Strobe, J. B. Knoll, W. R. Webster, E. Taylor, W. F. Vosburgh.

1854.—W. R. Webster, D. N. Brown, B. Davis, C. W. Grannis, C. S. Kimble.

1855.—

1856.—

1857.—

1858.—

1859.—C. C. Torrance, Orlando Allen, Wm. W. Welch, Wm. Peacock, G. W. Hanford.

1860.—W. H. Terwilliger, A. W. Popple, H. B. Hickox, Ira Ansley.

1861.—Harmon Kelley, S. C. Warner, John Woodward, Charles W. Chaffee.

1862.—Harmon Kelley, Alanson Barlow, Sumner C. Warner, Charles W. Barr, Edwin H. Hitchcock.

1863.—Andrew J. Stiles, Alex. W. Popple, Charles S. Kimble, Ira W. Ansley, Ulysses S. Webb.

1864.—William Peacock, Jacob Van Ostrand, Orlando Allen, Hudson Ansley, W. D. Beach.

1865.—

1866.—

1867.—

1868.—

1869.—

1870.—

1871.—

1872.—

1873.—Lemuel S. Jenks, John Kammerer, Jacob G. Van Ostrand, George L. Vosburgh, Byron L. Kimble.

1874.—

1875.—Ansel F. Conger, Charles Trunk, George L. Vosburgh, Byron L. Kimble, Thomas Jackson, Jr.

1876.—

1877.—

On the 14th day of August, 1878, it was decided, by a vote of 137 to 15, to re-incorporate the village of Gowanda under Chapter 291 of the Laws of 1870, including all the territory in the old corporation, and in addition thereto the remainder of Lot No. 26 in the town of Persia, and all that portion of lot No. 16 in Persia, bounded northerly and easterly by the Cattaraugus Creek; westerly by lot No. 26, and southerly by a line commencing at the southeast corner of lot No. 26, running east to Cattaraugus Creek.

Under the Law of 1870 the village board was to be composed of a president and three trustees.

At the election held September 2, 1878, the following were elected:

Silas Vinton, president; trustees, H. J. Brown, John Kammerer and B. L. Kimble.

Succeeding village boards were as follows:

| PRESIDENT. | TRUSTEES. |
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| 1879. Frank W. Taylor, . . | Amand Fischer, F. C. Vinton, John Kammerer. |
| 1880. J. E. VanDeusen, . . | John Kammerer, Amand Fischer, F. C. Vinton. |
| 1881. F. C. Vinton, . . . | John P. Romer, A. C. Stafford, M. T. Hill. |
| 1882. B. L. Kimble, . . . | John P. Romer, A. C. Stafford, M. T. Hill. |
| 1883. I. R. Leonard, . . . | Harmon Hurd, M. T. Hill, L. P. Dean. |
| 1884. I. R. Leonard, . . . | M. T. Hill, L. P. Dean, J. W. Dauber. |
| 1885. S. H. Arnold, . . . | J. W. Dauber, Peter Rink, Nicholas Romer. |
| 1886. J. E. VanDeusen, . . | Nicholas Romer, Peter Rink, J. H. Schaack. |
| 1887. J. E. VanDeusen, . . | J. H. Schaack, N. Romer, Peter Rink. |
| 1888. J. E. VanDeusen, . . | N. A. Chaffee, Edward Etsler, J. H. Schaack. |
| 1889. I. R. Leonard, . . . | J. H. Schaack, Edward Etsler, O. D. Sprague. |
| 1890. J. E. VanDeusen, . . | H. R. Gaensslen, O. D. Sprague, Edward Etsler. |
| 1891. L. J. Stafford, . . . | Edward Etsler, O. D. Sprague, H. R. Gaensslen. |
| 1892. L. J. Stafford, . . . | Edward Etsler, F. L. Mattocks, H. R. Gaensslen. |
| 1893. Silas Vinton, . . . | Henry R. Gaensslen, M. T. Hill, M. McGuire. |
| 1894. B. L. Kimble, . . . | H. R. Gaensslen, Chas. J. Howard, M. McGuire. |
| 1895. Henry R. Gaensslen, . | M. McGuire, Chas. J. Howard, F. W. Kammerer. |
| 1896. Henry R. Gaensslen, . | F. W. Kammerer, Edward Etsler, B. L. Kimble. |
| 1897. Henry R. Gaensslen, . | J. H. Schaack, Edward Etsler, Samuel Inskip. |
| 1898. Henry R. Gaensslen, . | Samuel Inskip, E. A. Shaw, Chas. J. Straub, Frank M. Davis. |

Fred E. Place, clerk. R. A. Noblett, street commissioner.

By Chapter 414 of the Laws of 1897 provision was made for four trustees instead of three as heretofore, and the present board is organized under that law.

The following persons have served as clerk of the village :

Thomas J. Parker, Samuel C. Springer, William W. Henry, James M. Joy, George S. Hickox, Byron L. Kimble, C. S. Blackney, L. VanOstrand, Millard N. Allen, Fred J. Blackmon, J. V. Crouch, Frank E. Bard, Newton A. Chaffee and Fred E. Place.



JOURNALISM IN GOWANDA.

THE first paper published in Gowanda, or what was then known as Lodi, was *The Lodi Pioneer*, the publication of which was commenced about November, 1827. The price was \$2.50 per year. It was anti-masonic in politics, and was published by G. N. Starr, who announces that most of the productions of the country will be received in payment if delivered when wanted. As a matter of fact, Horace Greeley, founder of the New York *Tribune*, at one time worked in this village as a printer, and undoubtedly was an employee in the office of *The Lodi Pioneer*.

The Cattaraugus Freeman and Lodi Messenger was the next paper in the village, and its publication was commenced about June, 1830.

The issue of March 10, 1832, contains the anti-masonic nominations of William Wirt for president and Amos Ellmaker for vice-president. Mr. Starr must have continued the publication of the paper down to about the close of the year 1838, as on January 3, 1839, Edwin Hough issued No. 1, vol. 1, of the *Freeman and Messenger*, in which he announces that he "shall support the leading measures of the Whig party." At the end of the year he states that his subscription list amounts to 340, and that in order to continue the paper on a paying basis, he should have at least 400 paying subscribers.

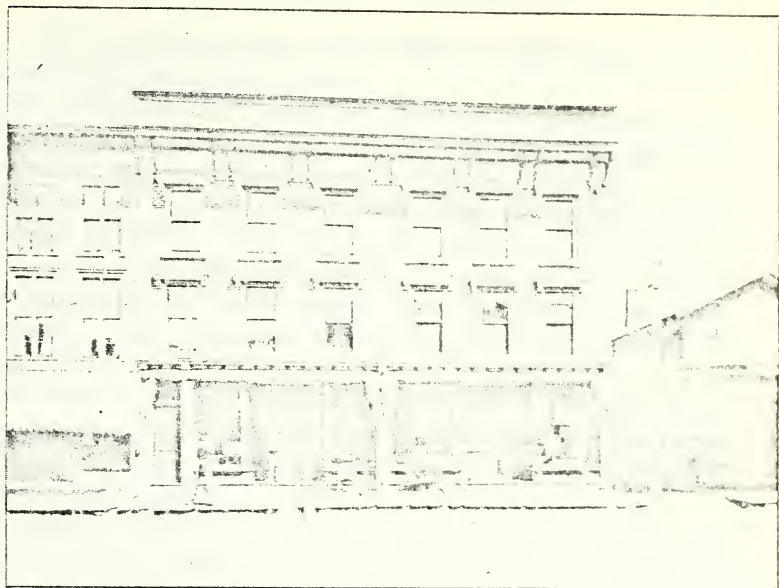
During the year 1840 the paper headed its columns with the "Democratic Whig nominations" of William H. Harrison for president, John Tyler for vice-president, and William H. Seward for governor.

Edwin Hough continued as editor and proprietor to November 19, 1840, when Eliakim Hough became proprietor, Edwin Hough still being editor.

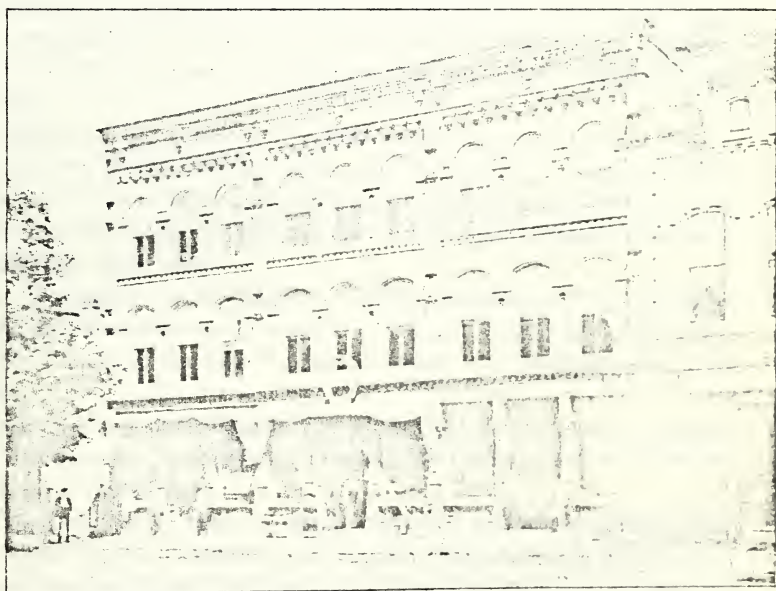
The *Freeman and Messenger* continued to about January, 1844, when the name was changed, and on January 17, 1844, vol. 1, No. 1 of the *People's Advocate and Lodi Banner* was issued, with Eliakim Hough as proprietor and Edwin Hough as editor.

About March 1, 1844, the name was changed to *The Lodi Banner*.

Saturday, April 13, 1844, the Messrs. Hough issued the last number of *The Banner*, in which they announce their intention of mov-



JOHN KAMMERER'S HARDWARE STORE, JAMESTOWN STREET.



VAN VALKENBURG BLOCK, MAIN STREET.

JOHN L. SCHWARTZ,
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POST-OFFICE.

ing to Springville, and that on May 13th they would issue the first number of *The Springville Express*.

About March, 1847, *The Western Democrat* was established, with A. A. LaDue as publisher. As its name indicates, the paper was Democratic, and was especially favorable to Gen. Lewis Cass.

April 26, 1848, Mr. LaDue retired from the management, and was succeeded by William VanVechten, who conducted the paper but a short time, and was succeeded, on May 17, 1848, by John W. Mason and Charles Aldrich, who announced their allegiance to the Democratic party, and published the paper under the firm-name of Mason & Aldrich.

But frequent changes seemed to be the order of the day, and in June, 1848, we again find Mr. VanVechten in charge of the paper, with the presidential ticket of Lewis Cass and William O. Butler at the head of his columns.

In August of that year the name of the village was changed from that of Lodi to Gowanda, and Gowanda became an incorporated village, and on September 6th following was issued the last number of *The Western Democrat*, and the last paper published in this village with the Lodi heading; and on September 13th was issued the first number of *The Gowanda Democrat*, being the first paper to be dated at Gowanda, and in which the editor announces that he has changed the name of his paper to conform to the new name chosen for the village.

Apparently the *Democrat* closed its career during the latter part of 1848, as on November 22, 1848, J. C. VanDuzer issued the first number of *The Gowanda Persian*, which seemed to be not much of a political, but rather an independent paper, and evidently was published but a short time.

In November, 1850, James T. Henry established *The Gowanda Whig*, and about the same time H. M. Morgan established *The Calla-raugus Chronicle*, the first number of which was issued October 31, 1850.

The *Chronicle* was a Democratic paper, and the first issue contains the Democratic nominations, headed with the name of Horatio Seymour for governor.

The *Chronicle* of May 15, 1851, contained the announcement that the editor had just returned from Dayton Summit, where he had witnessed the opening of The New York & Erie Railroad, and the passing of the train with President Fillmore and Daniel Webster.

It also contained the sad tidings of the serious injury to Franklin Peacock and Ebenezer Henry, two of the young men of this village, by the premature discharge of a cannon.

June 26, 1852, the name of the paper was changed to that of *The Independent Chronicle*, with L. S. Morgan as editor, H. M. Morgan still continuing as publisher. About July, 1854, we find the name again changed to *The Gowanda Chronicle*, with Morgan & Henry as publishers; and again, in 1855, H. M. Morgan is the editor and proprietor with the name unchanged.

On account of the poor health of Mr. Morgan, the *Chronicle* was suspended in the winter of 1855 and 1856, and the following spring the business was purchased by John P. Greisen, a brother-in-law of Mr. Morgan, who started a Republican paper as the continuation of the *Chronicle*; but one number of which was issued when the office was destroyed by the fire of April, 1856.

From the ashes of the *Chronicle* arose *The Gowanda Phoenix*, with Rev. L. S. Morgan as editor.

In November, 1857, we find *The New Yorker*, published every fourth Tuesday, with Sam C. Crane as editor, who announces his paper is "neutral in nothing." The price was 35 cents per annum, and evidently was continued but a short time.

In August, 1858, Wm. W. Henry and Frank G. Stebbins, under the firm name of Henry & Stebbins, commenced the publication of *The Gowanda Reporter*, a Democratic paper. The issue of Friday, October 21, 1859, contained a full report of the famous John Brown raid at Harper's Ferry, Va.

With the issue of November 4, 1859, Frank G. Stebbins withdrew, and at the same time W. W. Henry became sole editor and proprietor of *The Gowanda Reporter*.

The carriers' address in the first number of January, 1860, contained this verse:

" That brave old murderer, Brown, has met his doom,
He would have drenched the soil in brothers' blood,
Shrouded the land in mystery and gloom,
All to attain a wildly fancied good.
That good to end in murdering the whites
To elevate the black man's fancied rights."

About the first of May, 1860, David F. Moody became the partner of Mr. Henry, and thenceforth for a time the *Reporter* was published by the firm of Henry & Moody, and in August of the same year the

firm name became W. W. Henry & Co., and so continued till January, 1861, when Mr. Henry again became sole proprietor.

But evidently Mr. Henry preferred not to be alone, for in March, 1861, Mr. F. J. Fuller became interested in the paper with him.

In September, 1861, Mr. Henry disposed of his interest in the paper to C. E. Benton, and the firm became Fuller & Benton, and they, or one of them, probably continued in charge of the paper as long as it was published.

In April, 1865, John H. Melvin established *The Gowanda Weekly Bulletin* in the brick office on Main Street.

This was succeeded by *The Gowanda Gazette*, with John S. Fidler as publisher, the first number of which was issued June 1, 1867, and was, as announced by Mr. Fidler, "temperately Republican," and which continued for about ten years, when it was succeeded by *The Gowanda Enterprise*, an independent paper, of which John J. Horton and E. C. Deming, under the firm name of Horton & Deming, issued the first number March 30, 1877. In the latter part of the year 1880 Mr. Deming retired and Mr. Horton continued to publish the *Enterprise* alone until January 28, 1887, when it was sold to S. Clay Torrance and M. D. Colby, composing the firm of Torrance & Colby, who changed the name to *Our Public Interests*, in which form it was published as a prohibition paper until April 5, 1888, when it was bought by the Herald Publishing Co. and the name changed to *The Gowanda Herald*, and as such was published as a Republican paper until February 6, 1891, when the paper was sold to George I. Lincoln, who published it till April 10th of that year, when the paper was sold to Charles J. Shults, who continued it for about six years, when its publication was discontinued.

October 21, 1887, C. D. Straight, then publishing the *Cattaraugus Times* at Cattaraugus, established a branch department in this village, changing the name of the paper to the *Cattaraugus County Times*, with James Kavanaugh as editor of the Gowanda department. Mr. Kavanaugh remained with the *Times* less than a year, having become the editor of *The Gowanda Herald*.

The Gowanda department of the *Times* was discontinued after two or three years.

June 15, 1893, Clarence VanAlstyne commenced the publication of *The Gowanda Leader*, and continued its publication till the year 1897, when the same was purchased by E. C. Countryman, who has published it since that time.

ECHOES OF LONG AGO.

GLEANINGS FROM FORMER NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN THIS VILLAGE.

Lodi Pioneer, January 24, 1829, G. N. Starr, Publisher.

An anti-Masonick convention is called, to be holden in Albany, February 29th, to deliberate on measures for the overthrow of Masonry.

Announcement is made of "A respectable meeting of the Republicans of the town of Perrysburgh, opposed to Secret Societies, held at the inn of Capt. John G. McKee, on the 8th day of January last," of which Hiram Austin was chairman and Simeon Waterman, secretary.

A committee, composed of Col. B. Waterman, Zimri Howe and the chairman, was appointed to draft resolutions. The resolutions fill about a column, and it was resolved that at least fifty copies be procured for circulation through the several towns of the county.

R. Plumb, postmaster at Collins (Lodi), N. Y., advertises a long list of uncalled-for letters. E. Ward, postmaster at Perrysburgh, has a similar list, among which are letters for John Derby, Guile Johnson, Jonathan G. Rugg, Phineas Spencer and Col. B. Waterman.

Died, at Perrysburgh, last week, Mr. John Farnsworth, aged about 30.

From the Cattaraugus Freeman and Lodi Messenger, March 10, 1832.

Anti-Masonick nominations: For president, William Wirt of Maryland; for vice-president, Amos Ellmaker of Pennsylvania.

April 14, 1832.—The editor says an article is going the rounds of the papers to the effect that Wm. Morgan has been found again, this time in Mexico, where he is following the trade of painter.

Died, in this village, on the 18th inst., Lucy Helen, youngest daughter of Amasa L. Chaffee, Esq., aged 9 months.

March 18, 1834.—An "Agrarian Convention" convened in Buffalo on February 19th, composed of delegates from the various

counties of the "Holland Purchase," to take action as to the dealings of the Holland Company with the people.

Wm. R. Smith advertises that John Voluntaire, an indentured apprentice to the farming business, has run away, and one cent reward is offered for his return.

February 12, 1835.—A meeting was held at the Mansion House, in this village, Monday evening last, to adopt measures for the construction of a railroad from this place to Buffalo.

Married, in Perrysburgh, on the 8th inst., Mr. Charles Near of Hanover, to Miss Maranda Nash of the former place, by A. L. Chaffee, Esq.

"Some eight or ten miles he did go,
Through stormy winds and drifts of snow,
For nothing else that doth appear,
Than to declare that Nash is Near."

January 3, 1839.—Married, by Zimri Howe, Esq., on December 30, 1838, Mr. Silas H. Wheeler to Mrs. Lydia Phillips.

January 31, 1839.—Married, by Zimri Howe, Esq., on the 27th inst., at the residence of Gen. Jehial Hill, in Collins, Mr. Benj. Degrushe and Miss Narcissa Clothier.

Died, at Fredonia, of consumption, on the 14th inst., Mrs. Mary Ann Hart, wife of Mr. Salmon Hart, and sister of the former publisher of this paper, in the 32d year of her age.

February 7th.—Ralph Plumb has been elected Supervisor of Collins.

February 7th.—Married, in Collins, on January 24th, by James Parkinson, Esq., Jesse Parkins and Miss Emma L. Annis.

February 28th.—Married, in Otto, January 21st, by Z. Howe, Esq., Lemuel Griffith and Miss Freeloove Jennett Cook, both of Otto.

Died, in this village, on Sunday last, at the residence of Simeon J. Porter, Jane Shepard, in the 13th year of her age.

In Sheridan, on the 24th inst., Deacon Nathaniel Thompson, a soldier of the Revolution, aged 75.

March 7th.—Esek B. Nash has been elected Supervisor of the town of Persia, and William Cooper of Perrysburgh.

April 11th.—Married, last evening, by Rev. J. B. Preston, Mr. John Swain of Boston and Miss Ruth Adams of this village.

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June 20th.—Married, in this village, June 6th, Lyman Rolfe and Miss Sally Gardner, all of this village.

July 18th.—Married, in this village, on Monday last, by Rev. H. N. Seaver, Mr. James Tooley and Miss Charlotte Whitney, all of Lodi.

Died, in Dayton, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., Phila S., wife of Gile Johnson, aged 26 years.

September 12th.—Married, in Collins, on the 4th inst., Mr. Abram Foster and Miss Amanda Sisson, all of Collins.

October 31st.—Amasa L. Chaffee has been appointed postmaster to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. P. Spencer.

November 28th.—Sealed proposals will be received by the building committee of the Lodi Academy for the following bill of lumber and building materials, until the 3d of December next. (Here follows a detailed bill of the lumber.)

December 5th.—Married, in this village, on Sunday evening last, by A. H. Hurd, Esq., Leander Orr and Miss Alvira Beach, all of Lodi. Also, in this town, on the 28th ult., by the same, Mr. John Benson and Miss Clarissa Allen, all of Persia.

January 2, 1840.—Democratic Whig nominations: For president, William H. Harrison; for vice-president, John Tyler.

February 27th.—Supervisors elected; Anson C. Merrill of Dayton and John Thatcher of Persia.

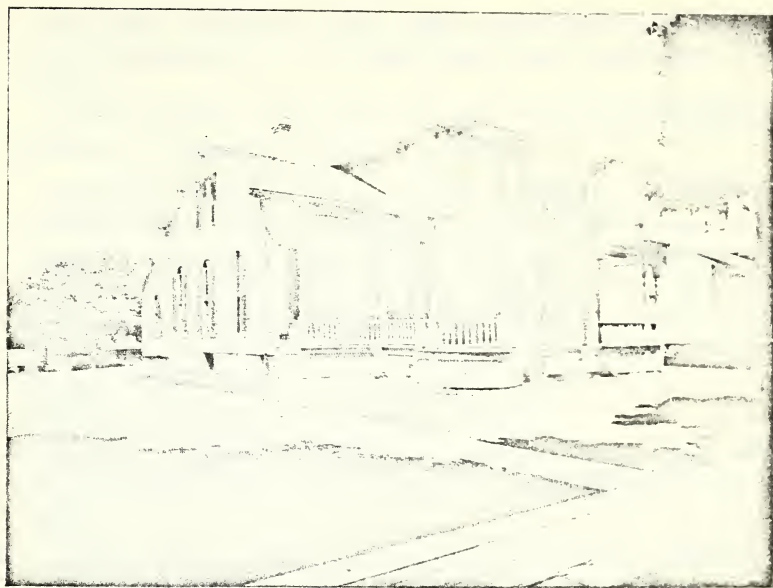
April 30th.—Married, in this village, on Tuesday evening last, by A. H. Hurd, Esq., Mr. Alonzo Palmer and Miss Harsha Terwilliger, all of Lodi.

In Perrysburgh, on the 22d inst., by Abial Titus, Esq., Azariah Darby of the town of Dayton, aged 82, to Mrs. Elizabeth Rugg of Perrysburgh, aged 62.

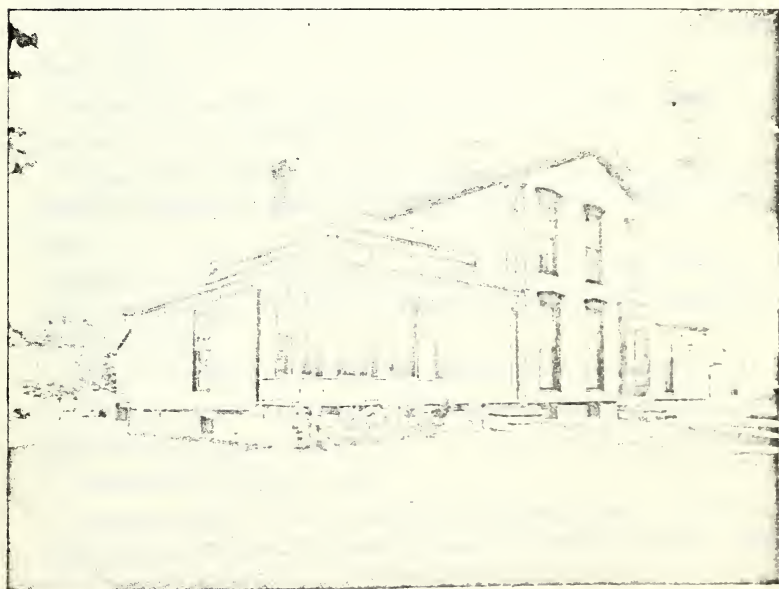
May 14th.—Married, in Perrysburgh, yesterday morning, by Rev. A. Wright, Mr. Daniel Wheeler and Miss Minerva Hooker, daughter of Jacob Hooker.

At the same time and place, by the same, Mr. Daniel Hooker and Miss Fannie Hooker, daughter of Mr. John Hooker, all of Perrysburgh.

Died, in this village, on Saturday morning last, Cynthia, daughter of John Thatcher, aged 13.



RESIDENCE OF E. C. FISHER, CHASEL STREET.



RESIDENCE OF H. R. GAENSELEN, MAIN STREET.

May 28th.—Married, in this village, on Sunday last, by Rev. Mr. Wright, Jeremiah Love of Forestville and Miss Julia Higbee of this village.

On the same day, by the same minister, Mr. James Waterman and Miss Ann M. Campbell, both of Perrysburgh.

April 9th.—A large meeting of those friendly to the election of William Henry Harrison was held at the Mansion House, in this place, on the evening of the 4th, at which time a Tippecanoe club was formed and the following officers appointed: Dr. Seth Field, president; L. H. Pitcher, John L. Henry, James H. McMillen, John Pierce, Alanson Dewey, Edward Van Dake, Wilber Wilcox, Leander Orr and Willard Slocum, vice-presidents: Chester Howe and S. C. Springer, secretaries; D. C. Amsden, treasurer.

July 2d.—Married, at Hidi, last evening, by Rev. Mr. Bliss, Chester Howe, Esq., of this village and Miss Matilda Torrance of Hidi.

LOG CABIN.—Notice is hereby given that a log cabin will be raised at Lodi, in the town of Persia, on Saturday, the 11th day of July, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., by order of the Tippecanoe Club. "Boys, do you hear that?" A general invitation is given. Logs should be eighteen and twenty-four feet in length.

July 30th.—Died, in this town, yesterday morning, Mr. Alexander Nash, aged 72.

August 13th.—The Tippecanoe Club of this village meets in the Log Cabin every Saturday evening.

August 20th.—Died, in this village, on Tuesday evening last, Almira, daughter of John and Martha Albro, in the 20th year of her age.

September 17th.—Married, in Perrysburgh, on the 10th inst., by Rev. Mr. Cowles, Mr. John Springer and Miss Emma Campbell, all of Perrysburgh.

Died, in Collins, on the 3d inst., James Parkinson, aged 42.

November 4th.—(Evidently the last issue before election, as we find these headings in large type): "Great Loco Foco Conspiracy." "Unparalleled Villainy," etc.

November 12th.—The *Freeman and Messenger* thinks Harrison has been elected, but says in a week or more there will be returns enough to be certain about it.

November 19th.—(Nine days after election.) The returns are not all in, but Harrison seems to be elected.

May 6, 1841.—Married, in Lodi, on the 2d inst., by Z. Howe, Esq., Stephen D. Foster and Miss Miranda Dailey.

May 20th.—Died, in this village, on Sunday last, Alvira Emily, daughter of E. and M. A. Alverson, aged 6 years.

Wilhelm Willink, the friend of Washington, died in Amsterdam on the 13th of February last, at the advanced age of 91. His name was intimately connected with the Holland Purchase, and it is believed that he is the last survivor of the owners of that tract of land.

September 20th.—Married, in Perrysburgh, by Rev. Mr. Emory of Forestville, on the 15th inst., Mr. Carver J. Goss, merchant of this village, and Miss Betsey Shepard of the former place.

December 20th.—Died, in this village, on Monday evening last, Rinaldo, son of Simeon and Sally Leonard, aged 10 years and 8 months.

April 25, 1842.—Died, in this village, last evening, Lucinda, wife of Salmon Wood, aged 34.

May 9th.—Died, in Dayton, on Monday last, Amarilla, wife of John Watenpugh, aged 50 years.

October 3d.—Births. In this village, on Friday evening, a daughter to Mrs. P. H. Perry, and on last evening, a daughter to Mrs. Cephas McCullough, and in Otto, on Wednesday morning last, a daughter to Mrs. Harvey Little.

Married, in this village, last evening, Lemuel Stewart and Miss Aurilla McCullough, both of this village.

June 10, 1843.—Mr. A. L. Chaffee has returned from New York, and made the entire distance in the unprecedented short space of forty-five hours.

July 1st.—Married, in this village, by Rev. S. Cowles, on Sunday, July 2d, Mr. William Kingsley of Buffalo and Miss Janet Raymond of this village.

July 15.—Born, in this village, yesterday, to Mrs. L. N. Gardner, a son.

Married, at Hidi, on the 13th inst., Mr. Walter Strickland of Otto with Miss Statira, daughter of Dan Allen, Esq.

August 5.—Eliakim Hough, publisher, and Edwin Hough, editor, announce that this will be the last issue of the *Freeman and Messenger*, which is suspended for want of patronage. (On Wednesday, January 17, 1844, Eliakim Hough, publisher, and Edwin Hough, editor, issued vol. 1, No. 1, of the *People's Advocate and Lodi Banner*.)

People's Advocate and Lodi Banner, January 17, 1844, contains a report of a portion of the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of Cattaraugus County, of which George A. S. Crooker was chairman. Among other things, wolf bounties to the amount of \$85 were ordered paid. The tax for the town of Persia for that year is given at \$911.04.

March 2, 1844.—Esek B. Nash has been elected supervisor of the town of Persia, Amasa L. Chaffee, town clerk, and D. C. McMillen, justice.

April 13th.—Announcement is made that this is the last issue of the *Banner*, and that the Messrs. Hough will, on the 13th of May next, commence the publication of the *Springville Express*, the residents of that village having already procured 300 subscribers.

Springville Express, September 14, 1844.

Married, in Lodi, on the 10th inst., by Rev. Mr. Skinner, Mr. Martin Potter to Mrs. Mary Starr, all of Lodi.

At the same time, by the same, Mr. David Brown to Miss Caroline Roberts, daughter of Titus Roberts.

July 6th.—Married, in Lodi, on Sunday afternoon last, by Z. Howe, Esq., Return P. Spencer to Miss Laura Camp, daughter of Asahel Camp, all of Lodi.

August 3d.—Married, in Perrysburgh, August 1st, by Rev. C. D. Burlingham, Rev. William A. Cobb of the Oneida Annual Conference and Miss Harriet E. Goss of the former place.

In Lodi, on Tuesday last, by Rev. J. P. Kent, Rev. Mr. Jones of Collins and Mrs. Charry Casson of Lodi.

Western Democrat, January 26, 1848.

Married, in this village, on the 23d inst., by Rev. Mr. Goodman, Mr. P. Leonard and Miss Clarinda Scribner, all of this place. In

Collins, by same minister, Ebenezer Goodman and Miss Margaret Henry of Collins.

In Dayton, on the 20th inst., by Rev. Mr. Bowman, Mr. Josiah Benton of this village and Miss Harriet Near of the former place.

March 1, 1848.—Announcement is made of the death of John Q. Adams.

May 10th.—Howe & Torrance have formed a law co-partnership.

The street which has been thrown open by Mr. Alfred Johnson is of great benefit to the village. There will be a number of buildings erected on Johnson Street this season.

May 17th.—On Friday last Darwin Allen drowned in the Cattaraugus Creek, while crossing the same.

Died, in this village, on the 8th inst., Hugh C. Hull, aged 22 years.

September 6th.—The last paper printed with the heading of Lodi.

The Rev. Mr. John Bowman preached his farewell sermon at the Methodist Chapel on Sunday last.

Gowanda Democrat, September 13, 1848, the first paper printed with the Gowanda heading, and in which the editor announces that he has changed the name of the paper to correspond with the new one chosen by the village.

September 20th.—Died, in this village, on the 14th inst., Clara A., daughter of Thomas J. and Lavina Parker, aged 10 months.

October 4th.—The *Democrat* carries at the head of its columns the names of Cass and Butler for president and vice-president, and announces that the paper will be sent until Cass is elected, for 12 cents.

(As Cass wasn't elected, how did the editor get out of his agreement?)

October 18th.—Married, in this village, October 8th, Mr. Leroy Thompson and Miss Hannah Roller, both of Gowanda.

October 25th.—We learn that the post-office in this village has been changed from "Persia," and that of "Gowanda" substituted. (J. B. Wilbor was postmaster at that time.)

At the Congressional convention held at Randolph, on the 19th inst., Amasa L. Chaffee, Esq., of this village, was nominated for Congress.

The Gowanda Persian, December 6, 1848.

The editor acknowledges the receipt of the Pine Grove *Banner* and the *Magnolia*, papers in manuscript by the young gentlemen and ladies, respectively, of the Gowanda Union School.

The Gowanda Whig, November 26, 1850.

The office of this paper is over the store of E. W. Henry, east end of the bridge.

Married, at Eden Valley, on the 21st inst., Azel Allen of Gowanda to Miss Laura Lord of the former place.

December 11, 1850.—Married, in Collins, on Tuesday evening, by the Rev. Mr. Fuller, Mr. Lawrence Manzer and Miss Sarah W. Henry, daughter of William Henry.

December 26th.—Our old friend Carl Averill has transferred his interest in the Mansion House to Mr. P. Pemberton, formerly of the Lodi House.

Cattaraugus Chronicle, October 31, 1850, H. M. Morgan, publisher, vol. I., No. 1, contains the salutatory of the editor and the name of Horatio Seymour for governor.

November 7th.—Married, in Collins, on the 6th inst., by Rev. Mr. McLellen, William H. Press of Persia and Miss Harriet A. Parsons of the former place.

December 20th.—Married, in Otto, on the 18th inst., by S. C. Springer, Esq., Mr. George McMillen of Gowanda to Miss Eliza McMaster of Otto.

December 27th.—Mr. P. Penderton is the new landlord at the Lodi Mansion House.

January 3, 1851.—Married, at Collins, on the 1st inst., Mr. Leonard Bartlett and Miss Sally Lumbard.

Died, in this village, December 31st, Abram Wright, aged 75.

February 28th.—Hiram Palmer has been elected supervisor of the town of Persia.

March 7th.—The newly elected trustees of the village are James Locke, Amasa L. Chaffee, Zimri Warner, Joseph H. Plumb and Titus Roberts.

March 28th.—Mr. P. Harder succeeds P. Pemberton as landlord of the Mansion House.

April 4th.—Announcement is made of the death of Judge Ashbel H. Hurd, at the age of 35.

April 18th.—The N. Y. & E. R. has been completed to Dunkirk. William Woodbury is the postmaster at Gowanda.

Married, in Collins, on the 10th inst., John S. Bartlett and Mary B. Kelly.

April 25th.—The first train on the Erie Road went through on Tuesday last, with the officers of the company.

May 15th.—The opening of the Erie Road and the celebration at Dayton is announced; also, the injury of Franklin Peacock and Ebenezer Henry.

Died, in this village, at the residence of R. Plumb, on the 11th inst., Hon. Daniel G. Garnsey, aged 71.

May 22d.—The death of Franklin Peacock, from injuries received at Dayton, is announced.

May 29th.—Ebenezer Henry, one of the young men injured at Dayton, on the 15th inst., bids fair to recover. We understand a purse of some \$300 was raised for his benefit and that of the deceased young Peacock, which was paid over by Mr. Marsh, treasurer of the N. Y. & E. R. Co.

June 12th.—The editor says that Mr. Welch informs him that he will have the road to the Summit (Dayton) in a condition to be used in two or three weeks.

June 26th.—The site of the Dayton post-office has been changed to the depot, and James Rice appointed postmaster.

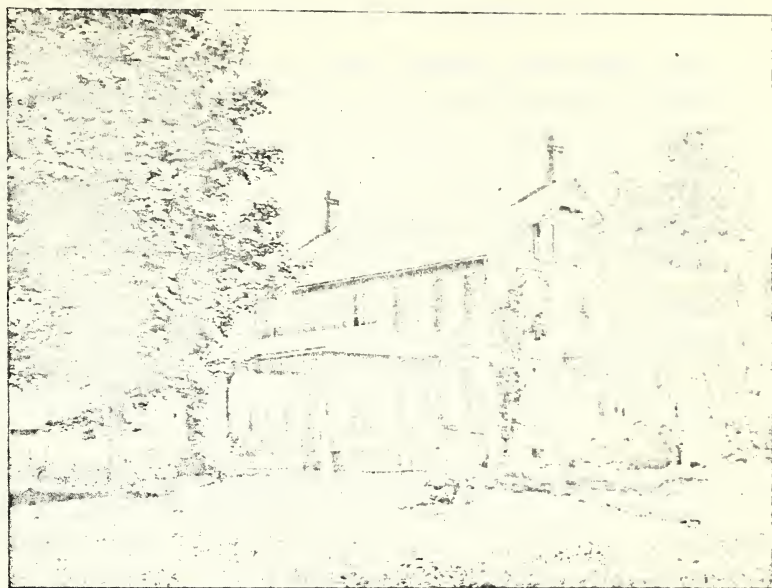
Wm. R. Smith, formerly of this place, has been appointed depot agent at Dayton.

September 25th.—Died, in this village, last night, Joseph Davis, aged 24 years.

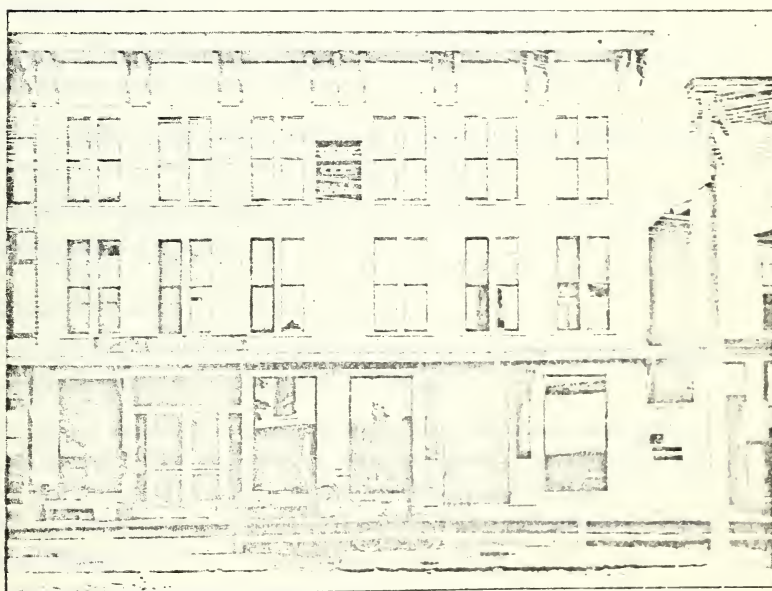
October 9th.—The directors of the N. Y. & E. R. R. have presented Ebenezer Atwater (given as Henry heretofore) with \$250, out of sympathy for his injuries at the celebration at the Summit on the opening of the road.

Died, in this village, on October 5th, Caroline R. H., wife of Joseph Plumb, in the 56th year of her age.

Married, in Gowanda, October 4th, by Rev. Dr. Morgan, Julius A. Parsons and Louisa Wheeler of Villenovia.



RESIDENCE OF S. CLAY TORRANCE, CHESTNUT STREET.



UNION BLOCK, MAIN STREET.

A. T. JOHNSON, Grocer.

MISS M. E. KATTEV, Millinery.

October 16th.—Married, in Collins, October 11th, John J. Gurnsey of Leon and Eunice N., daughter of Joshua Palmerton of Collins.

In addition to the railroad accommodations at Dayton and Perrysburgh, it is announced that there are daily stage routes between Gowanda and Buffalo and Gowanda and Jamestown, and tri-weekly between Gowanda and the following places: Springville, Sardinia, Yorkshire, Arcade, Eagle, Pike, Nashville, Forestville and Fredonia.

October 23d.—Ebenezer Atwater (Henry), who was so severely injured at Dayton, last summer, has recovered, but with the loss of both arms about four inches below the shoulder, and of one eye.

Married, in this village, on the 21st inst., by Rev. Dr. Morgan, C. C. Torrance and Miss Mary Curtiss, all of this place.

November 6th.—Married, in Villenovia, October 22d, Jason W. Storm of Pavilion, Genesee Co., N. Y., and Miss Cynthia A. Cooley of the former place.

November 20th.—Chester Howe of this village has been elected County Judge of Cattaraugus County.

Married, in Boston, on the 11th inst., Chauncey M. Grannis of this village and Miss Mary J. Neal of Portland, Maine.

January 22, 1852.—Mr. Harder has removed from the Mansion House, the same having been rented to the Hovey Brothers.

March 11th.—Supervisors elected: Hiram Palmer, Persia, John B. Read, Dayton, and Mr. Kirkland, Perrysburgh.

April 1st.—Died, in this village, on the 25th ult., Col. Benjamin Waterman, aged 70 years.

Cattaraugus Chronicle, April 22, 1852.

C. C. Torrance has been appointed attorney for the Seneca Nation of Indians in place of Chester Howe, resigned.

June 5th.—Mention is made that the new block on the corner of East Main and Buffalo streets is nearly completed. R. Plumb & Son are the owners and J. G. VanOstrand, architect and builder.

Seely Blackney has purchased and assumed the management of the Mansion House.

• June 12th.—Married, at Water Valley, on the 10th inst., Richard Clarke of this village and Miss Elizabeth Thomas of the former place.

June 19th.—Died, in Perrysburgh, on the 18th inst., Franklin Hammond, aged 49 years.

June 26th.—Rev. L. S. Morgan assumes charge of the editorial department of the *Chronicle*.

July 31st.—Died, in this village, on the 22d inst., Marshall Bunday, aged 39 years. His death was caused by injuries received while raising some buildings on the bank of the creek.

August 21st.—Died, in Collins, on the 7th inst., Eunice N., wife of John J. Guernsey of Leon, and daughter of Joshua Palmerton.

In Buffalo, on the 14th inst., Daniel C. McMillen, aged 51 years, formerly of this village.

September 4th.—Married, in Gowanda, on August 31st, by Thomas J. Parker, Esq., Niles Markham of Little Valley and Christiana Nash of Dayton.

In Holly, N. Y., on August 19th, Mr. C. M. Plumb, formerly of this place, and Zilpha A. Robinson of Holly.

Died, in this village, August 24th, Mrs. Lois Allen, relict of the late Luther Allen, aged 49 years.

September 25th.—Married, in this village, on the 23d inst., by T. J. Parker, Esq., Elijah S. Pinney and Miss Mary Himes, all of this village.

October 9th.—Married, in this village, on Thursday evening, James H. Armstrong, counselor-at-law, of Nashville, Tenn., and Esther, daughter of Hon. Dan Allen of this village.

October 23d.—Announcement is made that the *Chronicle* will be suspended for possibly two weeks, while the publisher is moving into A. R. Sellev's new block on Jamestown Street.

At a recent school meeting Mr. E. W. Henry made a motion that the school house be opened for all moral lectures, and "also to allow a certain class of men called abolitionists, who are sometimes shut out of other places, the privilege of being heard within those classic walls." The editor rather sarcastically remarks that the people voted down the resolution, "and saved the school house from sacrilege!"

Independent Chronicle, January 13, 1853.

Thomas J. Parker of this village has been appointed colonel of a regiment of the N. Y. State Militia.

June 23d.—Died, in Gowanda, June 5th, Mrs. Electa Adams, mother of A. and H. Adams.

August 18th.—Died, in this village, August 14th, Miss Chloe Daggett, aged 58 years.

September 1st.—The depot at Dayton was burned last Monday evening, together with about 1,600 cords of wood. Total loss about \$6,000.

September 29th.—Died, in this town, on the 15th inst., Hon. Dan Allen, aged 73 years.

November 10th.—Married, in North Collins, on October 20th, Joseph Conger of North Collins and Amanda M. Foster of Collins.

February 9, 1854.—Married, in Collins, January 5th, L. B. Wickham and Miss H. M. Rice, both of Collins.

March 9th.—James H. McMillen is the newly elected supervisor of Collins.

The vote on supervisor in Persia was a tie.

The newly elected village trustees are W. R. Webster, D. N. Brown, B. Davis, C. W. Grannis and C. S. Kimble.

March 23d.—Died, at Dayton Summit, on Sabbath morning last, Mrs. Lois Howe, mother of Hon. C. Howe and Zimri Howe, aged 79 years.

May 11th.—P. T. Barnum's museum and menagerie is advertised to be at Gowanda, May 20th.

June 1st.—Married, May 19th, by John R. Babcock, Esq., Mr. Thomas W. Jolls to Miss Harmony Allen, all of Persia.

Gowanda Chronicle, June 30, 1855.

L. N. Gardner, Esq., has furnished the editor some statistics of the census, from which it appears that the population of Gowanda is 858.

Gowanda Phoenix, July 30, 1857.

Contains a long account of the serious flood and the overflow of the Thatcher brook, which occurred on Thursday before.

The New Yorker, November 24, 1857.

V. A. Lord is the master-elect of Phoenix Lodge, No. 262, F. & A. M.

Gowanda Reporter, December 17, 1858.

Married, in this village, on the 15th inst., by H. Palmer, Esq., Mr. Joseph Bump of Dayton and Miss Betsey Cole of Collins.

January 7, 1859.—Harmon Kelly is the master elect of Phoenix Lodge, F. & A. M.

January 21st.—J. P. Hubbard, Esq., of Dayton has been appointed a keeper in the state prison at Auburn.

Died, in this village, January 15th, Jerome B. Leonard, aged 24 years. His death was caused by driving a sliver under the nail of one of his fingers to the second joint of the finger.

February 14th.—Norman M. Allen was elected president of the Cattaraugus County Teachers' Association at Hinsdale, December 30, 1858.

March 18th.—Mr. Barker has become thoroughly installed in the Barker House.

Married, in Dunkirk, February 23d, by Rev. Mr. Warren, Hosea S. Heath and Miss Pauline S. Wheeler, both of Collins.

Married, on Wednesday morning last, by Rev. A. Cooper, Mr. Edward J. Foster and Miss Sophronia H., daughter of Daniel Stebbins of Collins.

April 1st.—Orlando Allen, E. S. Griswold and the Messrs. Blackney are erecting new buildings on the site of the old Mansion House. The frontage will be 45 feet on Main Street and 93 feet on Jamestown Street.

April 8th.—Married, in Perrysburgh, on Tuesday evening, April 5th, by Rev. C. D. Brooks, George L. Vosburgh and Miss Eliza A. Campbell, both of Perrysburgh.

May 20th.—Married, in this village, yesterday morning, the 19th inst., by Rev. A. Cooper, Wm. W. Henry of the *Gowanda Reporter* and Miss Amy A. Aldrich; also, Mr. Minard Davis and Miss Ellen E. Hurd, all of Gowanda.

June 10th.—Married, in Buffalo, on May 6th, Col. George S. Hickox of Gowanda and Mrs. S. A. Griffith of New York City.

September 30th.—Married, September 25th, John Pratt and Celestia Darby, both of Persia.

October 21st.—At Dayton, October 8th, by Esquire Shaw, Urbin Yaw and Miss Ellen Loomer, both of Dayton.

October 28th.—Married, in Olean, October 19th, John H. White and Miss Martha J. McMillen, both of Collins.

November 18th.—In this village, Wednesday morning last, George W. Hanford and Miss Emily A. Kerr, all of this village.

December 2d.—In Hanover, November 19th, Noel Hawkins of Persia and Miss Henrietta R. Brown of Hanover.

December 9th.—Mention is made of the execution of John Brown at Harper's Ferry, Va.

Henry S. Stebbins is the master elect of the Masonic lodge.

Henry F. Allen of this village was admitted to the bar in Buffalo last week.

December 16th.—Contains a long letter from Rev. B. T. Roberts, as to the differences which had arisen in the M. E. Church.

December 23d.—Died, in this village, on Wednesday morning last, Elizabeth C., wife of Alanson Barlow, aged 44 years.

January 6, 1860.—Mentions the formation of a law partnership between Hon. Wm. Woodbury, county judge elect, and Henry F. Allen.

February 17th.—Contains a notice from the Cattaraugus *Freeman* of Ellicottville, complimenting the Hon. Wm. Woodbury, the new county judge.

Married, in this village, on the 14th inst., George Slotzer and Emma M. Staats, all of this village.

February 24th.—Died, in Buffalo, the 15th inst., Clarissa Cornelia Morgan, wife of Rev. Dr. L. S. Morgan, aged 50 years.

March 23d.—Married, on the 19th inst., A. Albert Jolls of Gowanda and Miss Anna Louise Carpenter of Collins.

April 20th.—Died, in this village, on the 16th inst., John Pierce, aged 68.

May 18th.—Married, in this village, on the 13th inst., Isaac C. Banton and Louisa A. Hitchcock, both of Gowanda.

June 29th.—Married, in Perrysburgh, on June 20th, Frank Campbell and Carrie M. Vosburgh, both of Perrysburgh.

July 6th.—Married, in this village, on Thursday afternoon last, by Rev. Mr. Lord, William W. Welch and Miss Fannie Swift, all of Gowanda.

August 3d.—Mentions the burning of the tannery of Weiser & Gaensslen, on the Wednesday night before. Loss, about \$9,000.

November 23d.—Married, in Perrysburgh, on the 11th inst., Harmon Hurd and Mary J. Whitcomb, both of Perrysburgh.

February 16, 1861.—The wife and child of Frederick Miller of Hidi were swept away by the high water in the Cattaraugus, last Monday night, and both drowned; their bodies were recovered some distance below.

March 1, 1861.—Married, April 29th, at the Barker House in this village, Chas. W. Woodruff of New York and Miss Lorenza Bement of Gowanda.

April 5th.—Charles Henry has been appointed postmaster at Gowanda.

April 19th.—Seven columns of war news appear. Sumter has been fired on and the whole North is on fire.

Married, April 14th, Henry F. Allen and Miss Lucy E. Woodbury.

April 26th.—Capt. Rugg, of Co. A, Gowanda, calls for volunteers.

Col. Parker has telegraphed Maj.-Gen. Randall at Buffalo he can furnish 400 men on two days' notice. (The editor is a war Democrat of the most pronounced and enthusiastic type.)

May 12th.—The corner stone of the Free Methodist Church was laid May 7th, Rev. Benj. T. Roberts presiding.

The Scott life guards are being formed of men between 45 and 70.

August 23d.—Col. Parker's regiment has been accepted by the war department.

Surgeon G. W. Barr has opened a recruiting office in Barker's Block.

August 30th.—Married, Albert C. Taft of Gowanda and Miss Maria I. Brown of Conewango; Frank G. Stebbins of Gowanda and Miss Mary M. Holmes of Bradford, Pa.

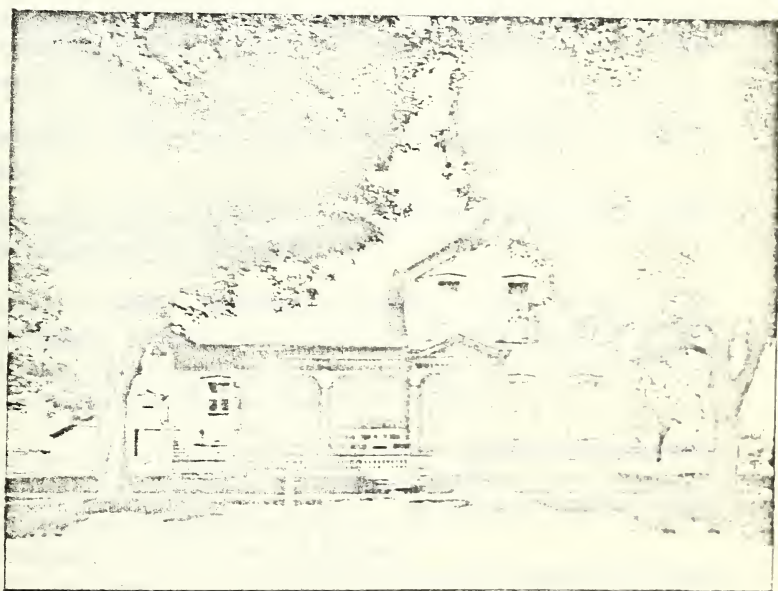
September 13th.—E. L. Harris, E. A. Nash and Frank Campbell are enlisting men for the Ellsworth Regiment.

September 20th.—Contains the valedictory of Wm. W. Henry, one of the editors of *The Reporter*, who has enlisted in the army.

Also contains an account of the presentation of a flag by Miss Hattie Davis (now Mrs. S. H. Arnold), on behalf of the ladies of



RESIDENCE OF A. C. STAFFORD, JAMESTOWN STREET.



RESIDENCE AND OFFICE OF DR. A. D. LAKE, JAMESTOWN STREET.

Gowanda, to Co. A, 64th Regiment, on the eve of its departure for the seat of war.

A more complete account of this interesting occasion appears in the war article in this book.

September 27th.—Died, September 14th, Barbara Allen Stuart, wife of Wm. H. Stuart, aged 39 years.

October 11th.—Rain has carried off the temporary bridge and ferry boats are again in use.

The following recruits have gone to Elmira: Hiram F. Henry, Warren Briggs, Oscar McIntyre, Frank G. Palmer, W. W. Henry, J. Mattoon, J. B. Albro, E. E. Eno, Jerome Jolls, John Wells, Oscar Grantier, R. R. Flower, Hudson Ansley, Surgeon Barr, Chas. Roffey, Refine Wood, Hamilton Stacy and Foster Ross.

November 13th.—For the third time within a few weeks the bridge has been swept away. Monroe Whitcomb, John Woodward and two Indians, while crossing the creek in a boat, were capsized, the boat shattered, and Woodward killed by striking his head against a pile.

November 20th.—Married, Joseph Savage of Gowanda and Miss M. E. Wadsworth of Madison, O.; Wm. F. Munger and Rachael Sisson of Collins.

December 18th.—Col. Parker has been promoted to brigadier-general.

December 25th.—Married, E. S. Griswold of Gowanda and Miss Rebecca Rollinson of Bloomfield, N. J.

January 1, 1862.—Married, December 26, 1861, by Rev. W. D. Buck, Silas H. Arnold of Aurora and Miss Hattie Davis of this village.

Married, December 31st, by Rev. D. Buck, Mr. George Dailey of Gowanda and Miss Rachael Bastedo of Collins.

January 7th.—William H. Stuart of this village has been appointed one of the deputy collectors by Collector Smith.

Married, on Christmas Day, by Rev. H. M. Rice, Harvey Foster of Otto and Emily Newcomb of Dayton.

William Cooper, Jr., of Perrysburgh has been re-appointed deputy sheriff by Sheriff McLane.

January 28th.—Smith Stocker advertises the Gowanda Express between here and Evans Center on the B. & S. L. R. R. Fare, 75 cents each way.

J. M. Whitcomb advertises that the Gowanda and Dayton express will leave the Barker House for Dayton. Fare, 25 cents each way.

Simon Pelton runs the Perrysburgh and Gowanda express, and will furnish conveyances for Versailles, Nashville, Slab City and other points desired.

February 5th.—A war meeting will be held in the M. E. Church, Thursday evening, February 6th. D. P. Russell, recruiting officer, and others will address the meeting; any one wishing to enlist will have an opportunity.

Resolutions of respect are published on the death of Waldron D. Cooper.

February 26th.—Sergeant W. W. Roller, recruiting officer, advertises for a few able-bodied men for Col. T. J. Parker's 64th Regiment. Pay from \$13 to \$21 per month and a bounty of \$100 in gold.

Announcement of the dedication of the Free Methodist Church, in the village of Gowanda, on Thursday, March 13, 1862. Rev. B. I. Ives of Auburn will preach the dedication sermon.

In the Gowanda market kerosene oil is quoted at 50 cents per gal.

March 12th.—The newly elected trustees of the village are Harmon Kelly, Alanson Barlow, S. C. Warner, Chas. W. Barr and Edwin H. Hitchcock.

April 16th.—Died, in the hospital, at Fairfax Court House, on the 10th inst., Alfred Shippey of Gowanda, a sergeant in Company A, 64th Regiment, aged 32.

May 14th.—Announces the report from a creditable source that Richmond is taken, with 30,000 prisoners, without any fighting. (Evidently premature.)

Charley Barker will give a dance at the Barker House, July 4th, to celebrate the end of the war.

Thanks are extended to Postmaster Henry for his courtesy in furnishing a Buffalo evening paper for some one to read to the crowd while the mails are being distributed.

May 14th.—Died, in Forestville, May 2d, Mrs. Hannah Barnard (mother of Mrs. William Woodbury), aged 72 years.

May 21st.—Died, in Perrysburgh, on the 16th, Maryette, daughter of Nathaniel W. and Huldah Hurd, aged 24.

Frank Sisson was killed at the battle of Williamsburgh, on the 6th, by being shot through the heart and left arm.

The funeral of Alfred Shippey is announced; also the death of James E. Henry, son of Postmaster Henry, of fever, on May 4th, his being the eighth death in the Gowanda Co.

May 28th.—The post-office has been moved to No. 2 Water Street, Welch's Block.

Announcement of the death of Capt. Fancher of Leon, of Co. K, and of Merrit Tripp of Co. A.

Died, of consumption, on the 23d, Jane Achres, wife of Abner Slocum, aged 39.

June 11th.—Report of the battle of Fair Oaks says Col. Parker's horse was shot twice; Harrison Clark and G. Palmer of Collins were killed.

Wounded: W. W. Roller, Albert and Henry Darby, Daniel Allen, Eben Burke of Gowanda; Ira Stewart and D. W. Lafferty of Dayton; G. T. Tyrer of Collins; Chas. Matoon and Wellington Hugaboon of Perrysburgh.

The abutments for the new bridge are in process of construction and the timber work well advanced.

July 16th.—A little son of David Doty was drowned at Versailles last week.

Married, on the 10th inst., William Hardenburg of Smith's Mills and Mary White of Gowanda.

July 23d.—D. D. Parker of Versailles is sending ripe tomatoes to Buffalo, which he sells at 85 per bushel.

Miss Carrie A. Bassett has graduated from the State Normal School.

Married, at Mansfield, Stephen A. Sisson of Collins and Miss Irene G. Wilson.

August 13th.—Report of a war meeting held in this village, at which \$630 was subscribed for those who enlisted. While the subscriptions were coming in, Dr. C. C. Rugg came forward and signed the enlistment roll; he was followed by A. D. Parke of Dayton, and Chas. Blackney and Orlando White, lads of this village.

Yesterday afternoon the Perrysburgh, Dayton and Persia boys of this company district left Perrysburgh depot for Jamestown.

to the number of thirty ; a table was spread in their honor at the depot.

The names of the volunteers from Dayton were : Giles Johnson, Emory Vosburgh, George E. Real, A. Park, C. W. Hall, A. C. Merrill, Philo Markham, David Matteson and L. W. Metzker ; from Perrysburgh, J. B. Brown, L. L. Hunt, Henry Randall, Jonas Stafford, John Grow, I. Kelley, B. R. Harvey, James Dallas, T. R. Aldrich, Silas W. Bunce and D. W. Hines.

Lieut.-Col. D. G. Bingham has been promoted to colonel in place of T. J. Parker, resigned.

Died, in Patterson Park Hospital, Baltimore, August 5th, William H., son of H. and R. S. Hathaway of Collins, aged 21 years and 10 months. He was a member of Co. B, 10th N. Y. V. C. His remains were brought home by his brother, not without difficulty.

August 27th.—A war meeting in Gowanda Friday evening. Hurrah for a rouser, and let "Little Persia" show her teeth.

The Gowanda Union School will open a week from next Monday. The trustees have engaged Prof. Powers for principal.

The militia of the towns of Persia, Perrysburgh, Dayton, Leon and New Albion are ordered to meet at Cattaraugus next Monday armed and equipped.

Mention is made of the circus and menagerie here next Saturday, and that Charley Emory, a connoisseur, declares that the exhibition will be worth double the cost.

Speaks of a rumor that Cattaraugus County is to have a regiment of its own.

A war meeting was held at Snyder school house Friday evening, and was well attended. Col. Hickox, W. H. Stuart and F. D. Locke spoke.

Similar meetings are arranged for Rugg Settlement, Markham's Corners and Versailles. "What is done must be done quickly. One more week and at 9 o'clock in the morning the hammer falls and ghosts will appear."

September 3d.—The quotas for the last two calls for troops are as follows : Persia, 40 ; Perrysburgh, 55 ; Dayton, 40 ; Otto, 35 ; and Leon, 44. Dayton has sent her forty men, and three or four more : the whole town is awake, and money pours forth freely. One man, who leaves a large family, receives \$43 per month while he is gone, in addition to the bounty. Thomas Newcomb alone becomes liable,

if the men are required in the service the three years, to pay \$1,332, having promised two men he induced to volunteer \$12 per month and a third \$14.

A war meeting was held at Welch's Hall Friday evening last, Hon. Frank Philbrick, chairman. Speeches made by Col. Hickox, Rev. C. B. Lord, Judge Woodbury, and others. Another meeting held Thursday evening, Stiles A. Torrance in the chair.

Died, August 28th, Laura J., daughter of Porter and Eveline Welch, aged 24.

September 17th.—An item is taken from the *Chicago Tribune* announcing the death of Marcus Webster, killed by falling between the cars.

September 24th.—Dr. C. C. Rugg, in a card, announces his call to the army, and recommends Dr. Johnson, his former student and partner.

October 1st.—The *Reporter* learns from the *Jamestown Journal* that the 154th Regiment is officered and ready to start. A. G. Rice of Ellicottville is colonel, Dr. C. C. Rugg of Gowanda, assistant surgeon; N. A. Chaffee of Gowanda, quartermaster-sergeant; Orville Bishop of Gowanda, drum major, and Henry Hugaboon of Perrysburgh, captain of Co. K.

The bridge which takes the place of the one washed away a year ago is completed; the temporary bridge has been washed away seven times. The new bridge was put up by E. P. and G. W. Dailey, contractors.

Died, in Persia, Mrs. Lucy Press, aged 69 years.

October 8th.—The funeral of Henry T. VanVlack of Versailles, killed in the battle of Sharpsburg, took place yesterday.

The Union block is nearly completed; it is covered with tin; cost \$12 per square of ten feet.

C. C. Torrance of this village has been nominated for district attorney of Erie County.

October 22d.—A draft has been ordered for November 10th. Wm. Woodbury is the commissioner to superintend the same in Cattaraugus County.

Judge Woodbury gives notice that he will hear claims for exemptions from the towns of Perrysburgh, Dayton, Leon, New Albion, Otto and Persia at the Barker House, November 3d and 4th.

Died, at Craney Island Hospital, Va., on the 6th inst., Henry C. Young of this village, and corporal of Co. A, 64th Regiment, aged 26.

October 29th.—The draft has again been postponed. Commissioner Woodbury examined 460 applicants at Gowanda in two days.

December 17th.—The editor learns that W. W. Henry, late publisher of the *Reporter*, has been promoted to a second lieutenantancy.

January 6, 1863.—Wm. Woodin of Otto, son of Homer Woodin of Perrysburgh, died suddenly of heart disease, January 2d, aged 34 years.

Married, December 20th, by Rev. W. H. Rice, S. M. Stuart, Jr., and Miss Amanda A. Popple, both of this village.

January 13th.—Wm. H. Stuart has been appointed librarian to the Senate.

January 21st.—The editor is informed that W. W. Henry has been promoted to a captaincy and that Albert Darby is acting colonel of the 64th.

January 27th.—Died, in this village, on the 27th inst., Deacon Warren Webster, aged 68 years.

March 4th.—Lieut. Darbey has been promoted to captain, and Sergeants Chace and Roller are lieutenants.

Town officers who give bonds are required to put a 50-cent stamp on their oaths of office.

The electors of the village vote a tax of \$175 to put crosswalks on the bridge, and elect the following trustees: A. J. Stiles, A. W. Popple, Chas. S. Kimble, Ira W. Ansley and U. S. Webb.

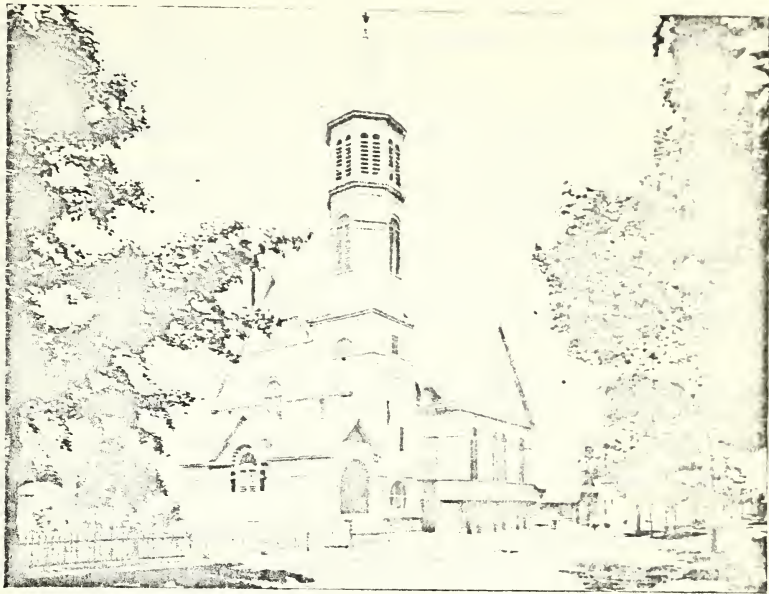
April 1st.—The editor announces that Odd Fellows' Block has been sold to W. F. Vosburgh, and that the *Reporter* will be moved to the brick building and ball alley on Main Street.

April 22d.—The body of Frank Sisson, who was killed at Williamsburg, arrived here last week, and was buried in West Hill Cemetery.

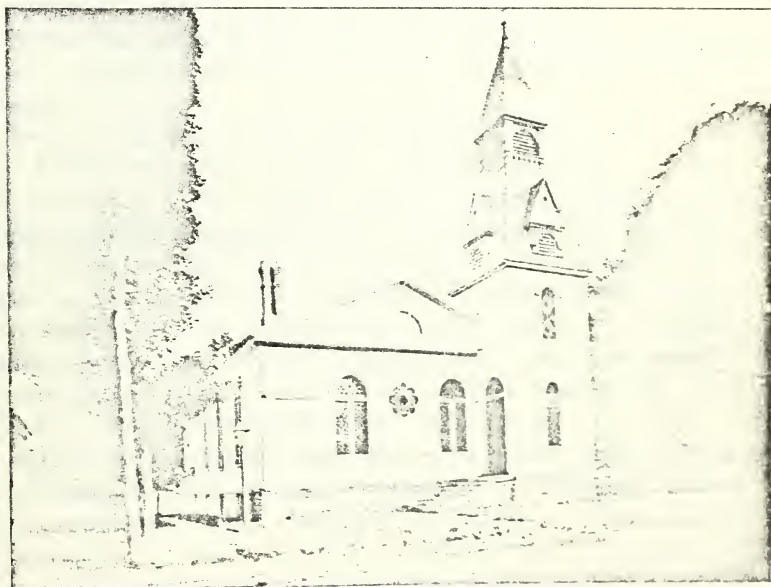
Died, in this village, on the 22d inst., David Hill, aged 76.

April 29th.—Dr. George Salmon, surgeon dentist, has located here.

May 6th.—In raising J. Seitz's store last Friday it fell, injuring several persons.



METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, CHAPEL STREET.



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EAST MAIN STREET.

May 13th.—Hudson Ansley of this village and M. M. Burnham of Jamestown have been admitted to the bar.

Died, in Baton Rouge, La., on the 4th inst., of typhoid fever, Marshall Bickford, of Co. F, 116th Regiment, aged 19.

June 10th.—Died, at Baton Rouge, La., of typhoid fever, May 10th, Frank B. Stuart of this village, of Co. F, 116th Regiment, N. Y. S. V.

July 15, 1863.—Contains a report of some of the casualties of the Battle of Gettysburg to men from this vicinity. The report says: Of the 154th but forty remain; the majority of the rest are supposed to be prisoners.

Dr. C. C. Rugg is among the missing, Ralph Howe and J. K. Palmer were taken prisoners, but Howe escaped. The 64th went into the battle with over 200 men and afterwards could account for only eighty-five. Capt. Fuller, Lieuts. Babcock and Lewis were killed, also Clayton A. Gardner.

E. T. McCutcheon, J. A. Darby, G. W. VanVlack, Benj. H. Smith, Peter Boardway and Andrew Reggles were wounded; Corporals Henry H. Darby and Emmet W. Prosser were reported missing.

July 22d.—Capt. Darby went to Washington last week and is soon expected back with the body of Clayton Gardner.

William Padget, while at Lancaster, Pa., recently, was arrested as a spy; it was a case of mistaken identity and William was soon released.

Frank G. Stebbins, of *The Cuba Patriot*, invested in the "U. S. C." Lottery and drew the "prize." But here is his story: "Having received a polite invitation from the Provost Marshal of this district to attend a little select party which is to come off somewhere down South, we this week take leave of the "True Patriot" for a longer or shorter period, as God wills it. In other words, we have been drafted into the United States service and 'we are coming, Father Abraham,' ninety-seven pounds strong. We have only time to state that we do not grumble because we have been struck; not a bit of it! The draft is a bully thing! Let it go on!"

Married, on Wednesday, June 24th, at the Nolton House, DeWitt, Ia., Emmet C. Hill, Hospital Steward, 117th Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, and Clara J., daughter of Dr. G. C. DeLamater of Gowanda.

Wm. H. Stuart has also "been and gone and done it." He has

just returned from a fortnight's trip to the West, "the picture of peace and perfect bliss."

July 29th.—Sergt. Frank Campbell of the 44th is one of the detailed officers to take charge of conscripts at Elmira.

The funeral of Clayton Gardner was held here last Sunday.

August 5th.—Capt. Albert Darby has resigned. He still carries in his leg the rebel ball received at Chancellorsville.

We see by the *Cuba Patriot* that Editor Stebbins could not pass, notwithstanding his "ninety-seven pounds strong."

Died, in Perrysburgh, July 31, of consumption, Frank Heman Chadwick, aged 25. He was buried under the Masonic ritual.

August 12th.—The draft in Erie County closed Saturday; contains a list of those drafted from Collins. From the second district are the following: John Wing, Henry Hitchcock, Perry Wilcox, Daniel F. Lindsey, Reuben Remington, A. J. Holcomb, W. H. Hanson, Peter Rink, Hiram Lindsley, S. C. Warner, A. Croup, I. H. Russell, R. Killinger, Chas. Haines, John C. Robbins, Sylvanus B. Lindsley, Albert P. Southwick, Joseph A. Etsler, Andrew Snyder, Joseph Taylor, Wm. Willicks, Isaac A. Wells, Charles Trunk, Wellington Jolls, John Haines, Smith Bartlett, Jared Farnhan, Geo. F. Smith, Henry Kerr, Charles Robinson, Frank S. Smith. Among those drafted in Buffalo were William Gurney and Chas. Woodruff.

Married, on the 5th inst., Abner Slocum of this village to Mrs. Eliza Olin of Boston, Erie Co., N. Y.

August 19th.—The draft is in progress at Dunkirk and resulted in this vicinity as follows:

Persia, 44 drawn: Henry Miller, Christ Halswort, James P. Welch, Seneca Brown, Frank E. Blackney, A. E. Hall, Arnold Burdick, Wm. Rice, Lyman R. Floyd, Harvey Brooks, Peter Hustan, E. O. Press, L. D. Langmade, J. S. Herdeg, Lyman F. Stevens, Peter Comstock, Porter Milholland, Minard Davis, Franklin Burdick, Thos. Dermont, Richard Brown, Roswel R. Pierce, John L. Butzer, Hubert H. Merrill, James A. Griswold, Stephen Bennett, G. W. Howard, John O'Conner, Wm. Boyden, Willard Slocum, James Like, Victor A. Howe, Daniel Broderick, Wm. W. Welch, Alfred H. Averill, M. F. Crandall, John Maudly, J. M. Whitcomb, Luther

Wells, Mathias Giering, James Rich, Francis Smith, Wm. Rich and Christ Johnson.

Perrysburgh, 42 drawn: David Dye, F. M. Taylor, Walter Palmer, Nicholas Hutchinson, Ezra Cooper, Lewis Blasdell, Martin Toucey, Wm. Ticknor, Myron Cook, James Marvin, Michael Crane, Zenas Willis, Henry Farnsworth, R. M. Gould, Fletcher Hurd, John Ticknor, Edward H. Parker, R. B. Dawley, James B. Knowlton, Frank Wells, Jas. Grantier, John Leepoet, Lester Hurd, Leander Hurd, Peter Waltozler, Frederick Johnson, Weston Wright, Wm. Ells, Oscar Whipple, Geo. Newton, Jos. Eaton, A. H. Clark, Geo. Ticknor, Orlando Ostrander, Frank H. Chadwick, Chas. Howard, S. L. Titus, Geo. Allen, J. M. Southworth, Henry Beverly and Stephen Joeffrey.

Dayton, 29 drawn: Wm. B. Smith, Peter Speier, James E. Barker, Peter Bartley, Wm. Perry, Samuel B. Covey, L. Ranlett, E. C. Bartlett, Benj. Shears, Wm. W. Newcomb, John Locke, John Press, John Speier, Jos. Kramer, Jerome Jolls, Gerrit Remington, Oscar English, Mordicai Matteson, Refine Wood, Oliver Stafford, Chas. Wellman, Norman M. Allen, Washington Milks, Michael Frank, Wm. Near, Aaron Hulett, Chas. Dressel, Henry T. Rice and Ripley Bentley.

David F. Moody of Fredonia, a former editor of the *Reporter*, was also among the list of drafted.

August 26th.—The Gowanda and Dayton stage route has passed from the hands of J. M. Whitcomb to Richard Blasdell.

September 9th.—Last Saturday afternoon, Plumb & Son's team was returning from Perrysburgh with a heavy load of grain, and while on the gulf bridge, $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles west of this village, it gave way, throwing team, wagon and contents 40 feet into the gulf below. Mr. Beverly, the driver, was behind the team and escaped.

September 23d.—Died, in this village, September 18th, of consumption, Mrs. Mary Cass, aged 18.

In Persia, on the 11th inst., Samuel R. Redfield, aged 81.

October 7th.—Died, in Collins, October 1st, of typhoid fever, Wm. Munger, son of S. T. Munger, aged 25.

In this village, on the 7th inst., Leander Badger, aged 54.

December 9th.—A cheese factory, the first in this section, is being built a few miles northeast of this village. The enterprise is in the

hands of Geo. Sisson, James Wilber, Enoch Taylor 2d, and Ansel Conger.

December 30th.—Charley Barker has purchased the Dayton stage route and the Blasdell House.

Married, in this village, on the 24th inst., by Rev. N. H. Rice, Charles W. Blackney and Miss Alice E. Stuart, all of Gowanda.

March 2, 1864.—Married, at the residence of the bride's father, in Perrysburgh, on February 17th, Frank Dygert of Springville and Miss Rachael Woodin.

March 9th.—The newly elected village trustees are Wm. Peacock, J. Van Ostrand, O. Allen, Hudson Ansley and W. D. Beach.

Died, on the 8th inst., Mrs. Sophia A., wife of Jeremiah Jolls, aged 45.

March 16th.—We learn that Henry Morgan, formerly of this place, and for several years the publisher of the *Cattaraugus Chronicle*, died last week in Chicago. His office and dwelling were both burned in the great fire of 1856.

March 23d.—Died, in this village, on the 21st, Wm. P. Webster, aged 29.

April 6th.—In the New York market butter is 48c. and 50c., and cheese 16c. and 19c.

Died, near Brownsville, Miss., March 1st, George Pierson of Co. K, 32d Iowa Vols., only son of Wm. R. Pierson of Collins, aged 31.

April 13th.—Hudson Ansley has removed to Salamanca to practice law.

Died, in Buffalo, April 8th, Flora Lillian, daughter of Charles and Lorenza Woodruff, aged 5 months.

June 1st.—Died, in Persia, May 29th, Ahaz Allen, one of the pioneers of this locality, aged 82.

June 15th.—Married, in North Collins, June 8th, Heman M. Blasdell and Miss Lusannah Sherman.

A circus is advertised in Gowanda under the management of Mrs. Dan Rice.

Died, in this village, the 10th inst., Nehemiah Rice, aged 82.

Died, in this village, the 12th inst., Hosea Stuart, aged 52.

July 13th.—Fuller & Benton, the publishers of the *Reporter*, announce that with the issue of July 20th, they will close their office and collect their dues.

July 20th.—C. E. Benton retires from the *Reporter* and F. J. Fuller, the remaining partner, announces that, "How soon the paper will appear again, depends on settlement of past accounts."

The festival for the Gowanda Ladies' Aid Society netted \$204.95.

August 17th.—After an interval of three weeks, the *Reporter* again appears, with F. J. Fuller as editor and proprietor.

The Union House has been sold to Henry Pinney of Dayton, and C. B. Barker expects to go back into the Barker House next month.

September 21st.—The Gowanda McClellan Club has been formed, with F. A. Newell, president, Geo. S. Hickox, vice-president, and F. J. Fuller, secretary.

Married, in Dayton, on the 10th inst., C. E. Benton of Gowanda and Misia M. Wells of Dayton.

Gowanda Weekly Bulletin, August 5, 1865, J. H. Melvin, Editor.

Mr. Rink is building a fine three-story building on Buffalo Street, near the foundry.

The Cattaraugus county seat has been located by commissioners at Little Valley.

October 7, 1865.—Died, in this village, on the 1st inst., William Morris, aged 37. On the 3d inst., Mrs. John Jolls, aged 41.

October 14th.—The post-office has been removed to the building formerly occupied by J. Stamm's clothing store, on Jamestown Street.

Died, in this village, on the 10th inst., Sumner C. Warner, aged 31.

On the 12th inst., Helen Morris, aged 12. On the 13th, Mrs. W. W. Southwick, aged 68. On the 7th, Idela, daughter of Henry and Mary Pinney, aged 1½ years.

November 11th.—Died, in this village, on the 7th inst., Cynthia, wife of Aaron Benson, aged 76.

December 2d.—Died, at the residence of her father, November 19th, Rachael, wife of Frank Daggett, and daughter of Homer Woodin, aged 25. Died, November 18th, Maro Blackney, aged 14.

January 20, 1866.—Died, in Dayton, January 2d, Col. Ralph Johnson, aged 68.

Gowanda Gazette, June 1, 1867, contains the prospectus of John S. Fidler, the publisher.

June 8th.—The boiler in the cheese factory of Porter Welch, at Dayton, exploded on Thursday, severely injuring Mr. Lemuel Hall.

March 3, 1872.—Supervisors elected: A. F. Bennett, Persia; F. E. DeWolf, Perrysburgh; and N. M. Allen, Dayton.

Died, in Perrysburgh, on February 28th, John Vosburgh, aged 73 years.

March 9th.—Married, on the 4th inst., at Gowanda, by Rev. W. D. Buck, Mr. C. B. Grannis and Miss Amanda Blinn, all of Gowanda.

On the 7th inst., by Rev. S. Cowles, at the residence of David Brown, Orlando L. Ballou of Tarr Farm, Pa., and Miss Louisa M. Feigel of Gowanda.

At the home of the bride, in Concord, March 4th, by Rev. H. Butlin, Julius Perrin of Gowanda to Miss Helen Newcomb.

March 16th.—Married, on March 4th, by Rev. C. Strong, G. Frank Sisson to Miss Clara S. Healy, both of Collins.

Died, in Gowanda, March 10th, Joseph Seitz, aged 48 years.

March 30th.—Died, in this village, March 24th, Mrs. Anna Mary Fisk, aged 66 years, widow of Rev. Henry Fisk, and sister of the late Joseph and Ralph Plumb.

April 6th.—Died, on the Cattaraugus Reservation, March 30th, Peter Wilson, M. D., aged 57.

The agitation for the railroad is getting quite marked.

April 13th.—Henry A. Dow of Little Valley has bought the Barker House for \$13,500, and is to take possession on the first day of May next.

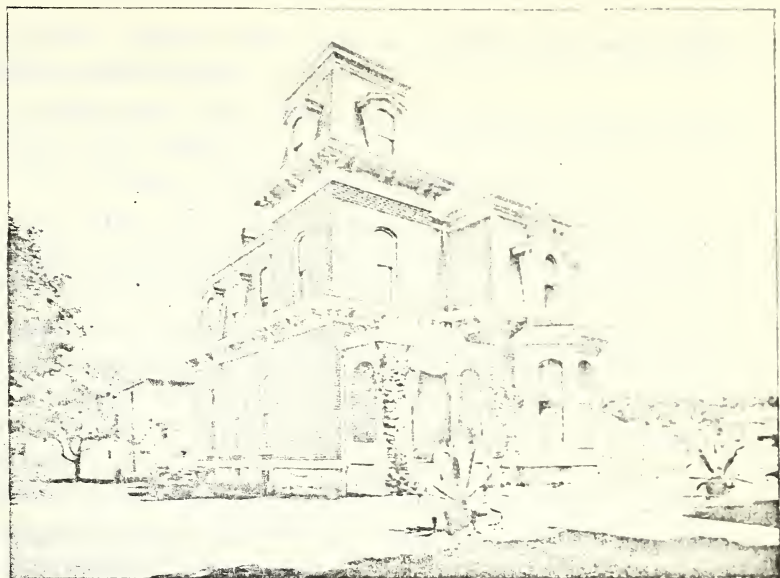
Died, in Gowanda, on April 4th, Smith Stocker, aged 49.

May 11, 1872.—A subscription paper for bonding the town in aid of the railroad is in circulation.

May 18th.—Died, in Illinois Grove, Ia., May 5th, E. M. Burke, formerly of this village, aged 66 years.

June 15th.—W. S. Thrasher of Dayton was admitted to the bar at Buffalo last week.

Died, in Perrysburgh, on June 7th, George Ferris, aged 39 years.



RESIDENCE OF B. L. KIMBLE, CHAPEL STREET.



RESIDENCE OF GEORGE B. TAYLOR, JAMESTOWN STREET.

July 6th.—Died, in this village, on June 28th, Ann, wife of Benj. Spillman, aged 29 years.

July 20th.—Mr. Frank Winnie is to be the new principal of the Gowanda Union School.

Died, in Persia, July 16th, Noel Hawkins, aged 79 years.

August 10th.—Mention is made of the fact that the contract for building the Buffalo & Jamestown Railroad has been let to Russell & Moulton of Grand Rapids, Mich., as is claimed, for \$33,000 per mile.

August 31st.—Married, in the M. E. Church of Gowanda, on the 26th inst., by Rev. W. D. Buck, Charles A. Fleming of Dunkirk and Miss Laura A. Springer of Gowanda; also, at the same time and place, Norman B. Allen of Persia to Miss Ella A. Springer of Gowanda.

Died, in this village, August 27th, James Locke, aged 70 years.

September 21st.—Died, in this village, on September 15th, William R. Pierson, aged 78 years.

September 28th.—Married, at the M. E. parsonage, on September 11th, by Rev. W. D. Buck, George Lanxon to Miss Luzette Blackney.

October 12th.—Died, in this village, October 6th, Mrs. Sarah Jane Barker, aged 56.

November 23, 1872.—Died, at his home in Dayton, on Tuesday of this week, Henry Brand.

Died, in this village, on November 15th, Elisha W. Henry, aged 63.

Nearly a column is devoted to the burning of the woolen mill of A. F. Conger.

November 30th.—On Sunday, November 24th, the M. E. Church at Slab City was dedicated by Dr. I. C. Pershing; Dr. D. H. Snowden is the pastor.

December 7th.—G. M. Rider of Ellicottville has formed a law partnership with C. C. Torrance of this village.

December 14th.—Married, at the residence of Fred B. Moore, by Rev. T. Roberts, on December 11th, George H. Brown and Miss Kate L. Brown.

December 21st.—Contains a notice of the death of Gile Johnson of Dayton; also, the obituary of George W. Hanford, who died in California, on December 14th, at the age of 38 years.

December 28th.—Died, at Point Peter, December 20th, Styles A. Torrance, aged 64 years.

January 25, 1873.—Married, at Eden, N. Y., January 3, 1873, Asher Stafford to Miss Matilda Federspiel, both of this village.

February 15th.—Contains the obituaries of Samuel C. Springer and of Mrs. Caroline Little.

March 1st.—C. W. Blackney is the newly elected supervisor of Persia.

March 29th.—Mention is made of the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Silas Vinton celebrated their silver wedding, at Cherry Creek, on the 7th.

April 5th.—Died, in this village, on March 29th, Frances W., wife of Rev. S. Cowles, aged 63 years.

April 26th.—Died, at Tideoute, Pa., April 19th, Simeon Leonard, aged 87.

June 28th.—Died, in this village, June 25th, Hosea Stuart, aged 78 years.

Married, in Otto, at the residence of the bride's father, June 29th, S. B. Cross and Alice, daughter of James C. Green.

September 6th.—Married, in Collins, September 2d, Edward Etsler to Miss Ellen E. Bartlett.

September 13th.—Died, in Gowanda, September 7th, Margaret Beverley, aged 42 years, and on the 10th, Eliza S. Palmer, aged 64 years.

September 20th.—Married, in Gowanda, on the 5th inst., Wm. Rice of Cleveland, O., and Miss Emma A. Buck of Gowanda.

December 27th.—Died, at Milwaukee, Wis., December 17th, Mrs. Mary A. Hooker, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Peacock of this village, aged 40 years.

Married, December 15th, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. W. D. Buck, Charley Stacey of Erie, Pa., and Miss Ella G. Crandall of this village.

January 3, 1874.—Died, in Gowanda, December 28, 1873, Caroline N. Congdon, aged 67 years.

Died, at Geneva, Ill., December 22, 1873, Phebe, wife of Josiah Cass, aged 78 years.

January 10th.—Married, in Cattaraugus, on the 21st of December, 1873, Mr. H. W. Ribble of Gowanda and Miss C. B. Ford of Cattaraugus.

Married, at the residence of John Hoyt, January 1st, by Rev. S. Cowles, George Grant, late of Scotland and Miss Emma Hoyt of Gowanda.

January 17th.—Married, in Gowanda, at the residence of the bride's parents, January 12th, Adin J. Gibbs of Cattaraugus to Miss Ida Styles of Gowanda.

February 14th.—Died, in Collins, February 7th, Deborah, wife of Edwin Gurney, aged 32 years.

February 21st.—Died, in Gowanda, February 12th, Abner Slocum, aged 55 years.

February 28th.—Died, in Gowanda, February 22d, Allen Sisson, aged 47 years.

April 18th.—Married, April 18th, at Collins Center, Edgar A. Shaw to Miss Bertha Kimble of Brant.

May 2d.—Died, in Gowanda, April 26th, Julius Perrin, aged 35 years.

May 9th.—Died, at Hidi, May 1st, Morgan Derby, aged 79 years.

May 23d.—Speaks of the injury to Miss Carrie Basset from falling through a hole in the school house floor.

Died, in Gowanda, May 17th, Ann Katherine, wife of Conrad Groff, aged 43 years.

May 30th.—The marriage of Nellie Grant, at Washington, daughter of President Grant, took place at the White House on May 21st.

June 6th.—Died, in Perrysburgh, May 31st, William Atwell, aged 68.

In Collins, June 1st, Sophronia H. Foster, aged 46.

In Gowanda, June 4th, Phebe Derby, aged 66.

In Collins, May 12th, Mary, wife of Chalkley Aldrich, aged 74.

June 13th.—Married, June 10th, at the residence of the bride's parents, Montgomery Hussey to Miss Delia Maltbie, both of Gowanda.

Died, in Gowanda, June 9th, George H. Russell, one of the firm

of contractors in charge of the B. & J. R. R., Russell & Moulton, aged 42 years.

June 20th.—Died, in Gowanda, June 14th, Porter Welch, aged 70 years.

June 27th.—Drowned, on Thursday afternoon, Arthur, the 11-year-old son of Truman Allen.

July 4th.—Rev. S. Cowles has retired from the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church.

August 15th.—The Gowanda school house was completely destroyed by fire last Sunday morning.

August 22d.—B. L. Kimble and George B. Taylor have formed a partnership.

The railroad through Gowanda is now an assured fact.

August 29th.—Wm. Peacock of this village is mail agent on the B. & J. R. R.

September 19th.—The railroad men have had a pay day, and as a result got drunk and had a riot, and the editor is disgusted thereat.

Died, in Dayton, September 11th, John I. Grantier, aged 47 years.

September 26th.—Married, at the residence of the bride's mother, September 15th, Mr. George Stowe of Bay City, Mich., and Miss Helen Locke of Gowanda.

At the residence of Capt. Maltbie, September 8th, James C. Brooks, civil engineer on the B. & J. R. R., to Miss Delora Maltbie of Gowanda.

October 10th.—Died, in Gowanda, October 8th, H. P. Slocum, aged 37 years.

October 17th.—The railroad bridge over the Cattaraugus was completed last week.

Work is being pushed on the new Gowanda depot.

The spile-driver used on the railroad between here and Dayton tipped over last Wednesday and one man killed and several, among which was M. N. Johnson of Dayton, injured.

Charles W. Blackney of this village has received the democratic nomination for district attorney of Cattaraugus County.

October 24th.—The first train crossed the bridge Saturday, the 17th inst., drawn by the engine "Susquehanna."

The formal opening of the railroad to Gowanda is announced for October 24th.

October 31st.—The railroad was formally opened to Gowanda on the 24th, according to programme.

The train from Buffalo consisted of seven passenger cars and one baggage car, all filled to overflowing; on the train were the railroad officials, the mayor of Buffalo, L. P. Dayton, and several of the city officials. The train was drawn by the locomotive "Eden," with George Moore, engineer, and George M. Howard, conductor.

An elegant dinner, under the charge of the ladies of the village, was spread in the depot.

The artist, Joseph Josephs of Buffalo, otherwise known as "Elephant Joe," was present. To one end of the station he affixed a large banner; in the center were the words "Excursion, October 24, 1874." To the right, representing "The Past," was the "Big Injun," a life-size illustration of a noble red man. On the left was inscribed "The Present," the "Big Engine" coming across the bridge, with a view of the village in the background.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Josephs for his elegant present.

An excursion was extended to the young ladies, who acted as waitresses, to Buffalo, as the guests of the railroad company; it was accepted, and they went to Buffalo the following Monday, and, of course, had a very pleasant trip.

Married, in Hamburg, on September 30th, William G. Van Ostrand of Gowanda and Julia Rathbone of Hamburg.

At Dansville, N. Y., October 18th, Truman P. Allen of Gowanda to Jennie L. Wheeler of Richmond, N. H.

Died, in Gowanda, October 26th, John H. Lemon, aged 52.

In Gowanda, October 25th, George Urban, aged 72.

November 14th.—Died, in Persia, November 12th, Elihu Russell, aged 70 years.

December 19th.—Rev. J. C. V. Nellis is the new pastor at the Presbyterian Church.

January 2, 1875.—Married, in Forestville, December 22, 1874, Myron L. Gardner of Gowanda to Miss Emma M. Barber of Forestville.

January 9th.—Married, in Gowanda, by Rev. E. A. Rice, W. E. Kenyon to Mary E. Springer.

January 16th.—Died, in Collins, January 14th, Stephen A. Sisson, aged 53 years.

January 23d.—Died, in Gowanda, January 19th, Dan G. Bassett, aged 74 years.

In Gowanda, January 21st, Mrs. Ellen Dawson, aged 30 years.

April 17th.—Died, at his residence near this village, April 14th, Samuel T. Munger, aged 70 years.

On the 15th, Rev. Asher P. Wright, missionary on the Cattaraugus Reservation.

In Dayton, on the 15th, Daniel D. English, aged 67 years.

April 24th.—Married, in Collins, on March 14th, Mr. Mark Stock and Miss Jennie Cherry.

May 8th.—Died, in Gowanda, May 4th, Timothy Smith, aged 81 years.

May 29th.—Died, at Gowanda, May 21st, Gottfried Brennenstuhl, aged 55 years.

June 19th.—H. H. Parks has been admitted to the bar as attorney.

June 26th.—Died, in Gowanda, June 20th, Jeremiah Jolls, aged 70 years.

August 14th.—Married, in Gowanda, August 9th, Mr. J. H. Selden to Miss Lora Blackney, all of Gowanda.

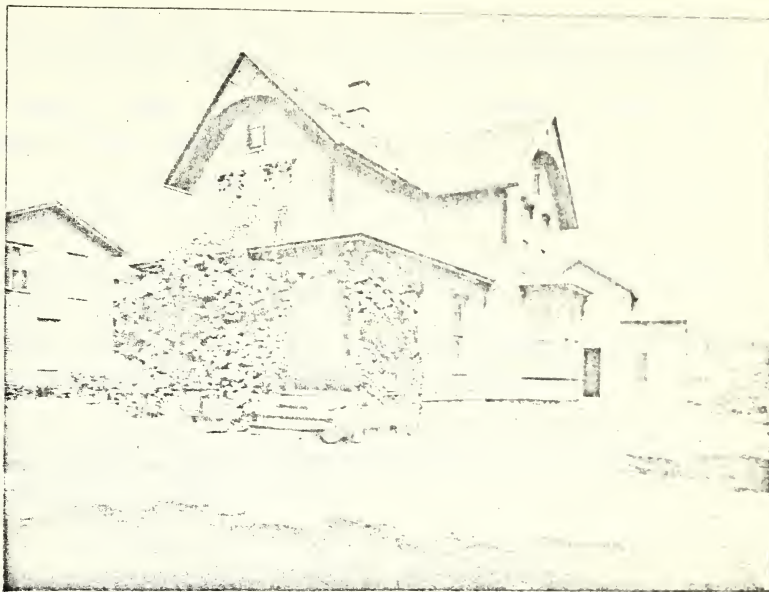
September 11th.—Contains a column and half article on the murder of Charles W. Blackney.

October 2d.—Mr. J. M. Congdon has purchased the office and books of the late C. W. Blackney, and will succeed him in the practice of law.

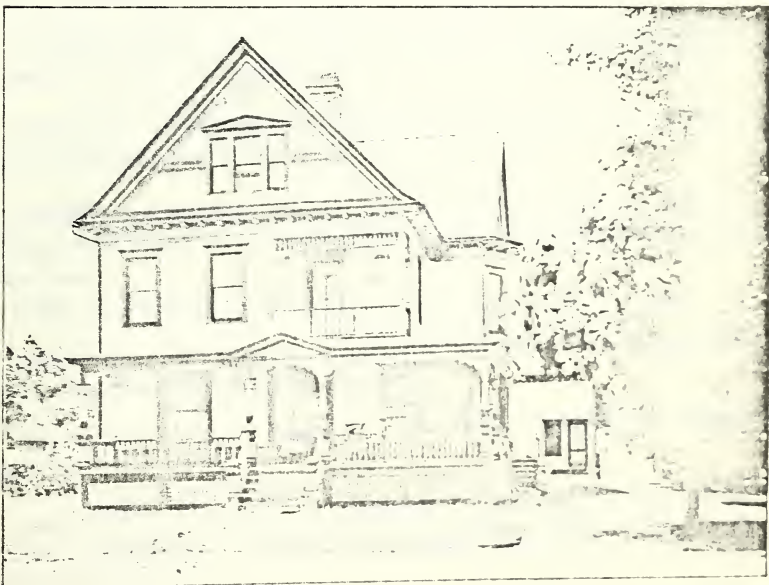
October 16th.—Contains a long account of the \$35,000 fire which destroyed the Barker House and block, H. N. Hooker's store and house, the Hanford drug store, and much other property.

October 23d.—Married, in this village, on Wednesday the 20th inst., by Rev. J. V. C. Nellis, Mr. J. E. VanDeusen and Miss Ella M. Hooker, all of this place.

Died, at his residence in Perrysburgh, October 17th, Charles Green, aged 78 years.



RESIDENCE OF W. H. BRITTON, JR., CHAPEL STREET.



RESIDENCE OF MRS. ALBERT GAENSSLEN, CENTER STREET.

October 30th.—The editor heads his local column with a rooster, on account of the voting of a new \$15,000 school house for Gowanda.

November 13th.—Judge Woodbury and Hudson H. Parke have formed a legal co-partnership.

November 27th.—Died, in Dayton, November 16th, Hiram Austin, aged 80 years.

December 18th.—Homer Woodin died at his home in Perrysburgh last Sunday. He was born July 6, 1806.

January 8, 1876.—New Year's day was extremely mild, and was ushered in with a fantastic parade by the young people.

January 15th.—Married, in Otto, December 28, 1875, at the residence of D. N. Brown, Dwight J. Norton, Jr., of Washington, Ia., to Miss Ellen F. Brown of Otto.

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Died, in Gowanda, March 17th, Halsey Stearns, aged 69 years.

Mr. A. W. Popple of Dunkirk, formerly of this village, died last Friday evening.

April 6th.—Mrs. A. W. Popple has been appointed postmistress at Dunkirk to fill the unexpired term of her husband, lately deceased.

April 27th.—Married, in Gowanda, the 27th inst., Jacob F. Gurney and Miss Emma L. Farnham, both of Gowanda.

May 4th.—A column, headed with a rooster, announces that the Diamond Petroleum Co., composed mostly of Gowanda men, has struck oil.

Died, in Gowanda, April 29th, L. W. Toepp, aged 40 years.

May 11th.—The Murphy temperance movement has struck Gowanda and the editor is rejoiced thereat.

May 18th.—Died, in Ruggtown, May 12th, Jonathan G. Rugg, aged 82.

August 10th.—Married, in Gowanda, August 4th, by Rev. Titus Roberts, Benjamin J. Allen of Persia and Miss Ellen E. Doley of Stockton, N. Y.

August 17th.—Died, in Gowanda, August 15th, Mrs. Florilla R. Smallwood, widow of the late Wm. T. Smallwood, and daughter of Titus Roberts, aged 52.

In Gowanda, August 14th, Mrs. Julia Sanborn, aged 22, wife of Rev. J. W. Sanborn.

August 31st.—Died, in Gowanda, August 28th, Elizabeth, wife of William A. Fish, aged 42 years.

In this village, August 26th, Aimira Cole, aged 66 years.

September 7th.—Married in Cattaraugus, September 4th, Miss Mary M. Johnson of Cattaraugus and Wells H. Fuller of Gowanda.

Died, in Dayton, September 2d, Cora, daughter of Jonathan Allen, aged 17 years.

September 14th.—Harmon Gaensslen was severely injured on Thursday afternoon, by explosion of powder while blasting rocks.

October 19th.—Died, in Little Valley, October 12th, Edward Van Dake, aged 84 years.

October 26th.—Henry F. Allen of this village has been nominated for member of assembly in the Fifth Erie District.

I. R. Leonard of Dayton has been admitted to the bar.

November 2d.—Married, in Dunkirk, at the residence of the bride's father, A. R. Sellew, Benson H. Roberts of North Chili and Miss Emma J. Sellew of Dunkirk.

November 9th.—Died, in Dayton, November 2d, Eliza M. Brand, aged 27 years, and in Dayton, November 8th, Avery Parke, aged 77 years.

November 16th.—Married, in Gowanda, November 3d, Lawrence Schrott of Perrysburgh and Miss Susie Benton of Dayton.

November 23d.—Married, in Persia, N. Y., November 19th, by Rev. J. W. Sanborn, Edward M. Bartlett and Miss Harmony R. Allen.

Died, in Gowanda, November 14th, Serusia Herrick, aged 92 years.

December 14th.—Rev. J. V. C. Nellis has resigned as pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

Married, in Perrysburgh, November 28th, Eva M. Titus of Dayton to Frank Hall of Gowanda.

December 21st.—Died, in Gowanda, December 14th, Dorothy Dawson, aged 74.

January 18, 1878.—Sarah Rice has been appointed postmistress.

February 15th.—The funeral of Charles Trunk was held in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday and was largely attended.

Married, in Versailles, February 3d, Miss Emma Weigand and Hiram Pierce, both of Gowanda.

At the same time and place, Miss Eva Bowers and Killian Storms, both of Gowanda.

In this village, on the 13th inst., by Rev. J. W. Sanborn, Gen. David S. Forbes of Fredonia to Miss Sarah J. Starr, formerly of Gowanda.

In this village, February 3d, Mr. A. L. Peaslee and Miss Mary C. Miller of Gowanda.

March 8th.—Died, in Gowanda, March 8th, Caroline M., wife of G. C. Carpenter, aged 35 years.

March 15th.—Died, in Little Valley, March 14th, Mrs. Esther Howe, relict of Zimri Howe, aged 72 years.

April 5th.—Died, in Perrysburgh, April 4th, Eri B. Woodin, aged 34 years.

May 2d.—The Erie Railway has become the New York, Lake Erie & Western.

May 17th.—Died, in Dayton, May 9th, Joshua Markham, aged 89 years.

May 24th.—Died, in San Francisco, April 13th, Mrs. Ann L. Waterman, formerly of this place, aged 55 years.

June 14th.—Married, in Gowanda, June 11th, by Rev. J. W. Sanborn, Dr. W. C. Proctor and Louisa C. Beach, all of Gowanda.

(This issue contains a long account of the explosion of the boiler in Henry Wolf's saw mill at Dayton on the 11th, at which four men lost their lives.)

July 26th.—Died, at Valisca, Ia., July 23d, Vincent Torrance, aged 3 months, child of Geo. S. and Fanny Torrance, formerly of Gowanda.

Died, in Gowanda, June 18th, Mrs. Abigail S. Bassett, aged 70 years.

August 30th.—The Vosburgh House has been sold to Fischer & Gerber of Buffalo.

September 12th.—Married, in Elmira, September 5th, Rev. J. W. Sanborn of Gowanda and Miss Minnie S. Decker of Elmira.

September 26th.—Married, in Gowanda, at this date, by Rev. J. W. Sanborn, Henry R. Gaensslen and Miss Frances Storm, both of Gowanda.

October 10th.—Henry F. Allen of this village has received the Democratic nomination for county judge of Erie County.

Contains an account of the re-union of the 64th Regiment, N. Y. Volunteers, at Gowanda.

October 17th.—Married, in Gowanda, October 16th, by Rev. W. W. Nason, John Ritz and Miss Ida Irish, both of this village.

November 7th.—Married, in Collins, October 29th, B. W. Law of Havana, Cuba, to Miss Docia E. Willett of Collins.

November 21st.—DeWitt C. Hoover of Cortland, N. Y., has bought the Gowanda Flouring Mills of C. C. Torrance.

January 2, 1879.—E. A. Edgerton has sold his photograph gallery to Mr. Chase.

February 6th.—Married, in North Collins, January 30th, J. Quincey Tucker of Brant and Miss Susie Smith of North Collins.

Married, in Perrysburgh, February 5th, Miss Lottie C. Cooper, daughter of Ezra Cooper, and George B. Taylor of Gowanda.

May 22d.—Mr. E. A. Edgerton leaves Gowanda this week for Michigan, where he takes charge of a photograph gallery.

August 29th.—J. M. Congdon has been nominated for member of Assembly for the 2d Cattaraugus district.

November 28th.—Contains an account of a prize-speaking contest, at which H. W. Allen took first prize and Mary E. Jacobs, second.

December 12th.—Contains the obituary of Harmon A. Gaensslen, who died December 8th, aged 21 years.



THE POST-OFFICE AT GOWANDA.

IT SEEMS that at an early date the office was Aldrich's Mills. In 1829, R. Plumb, postmaster, advertises letters uncalled for at Collins Post-office (Lodi). For many years after that, and until October, 1848, the post-office was Persia, but in October of that year was changed to Gowanda, and has since been known by that name.

During the term of John B. Wilbor the office was probably in his building, on the bank of the creek, just above the bridge.

At the time of the fire, in 1856, D. N. Brown seems to have been postmaster, with the office in his building, in the Mansion House Block, probably near where Eaton & Son's meat market is now.

In May, 1862, it was moved to No. 2 Water Street, Welch Block, into what is now a part of the Commercial Hotel. In October, 1862, as was stated at the time, it was moved to the building on Jamestown Street, formerly occupied by J. Stamm's clothing store — probably in or near the building now occupied by Joseph Keifer.

In June, 1864, it was moved to a room in what was called the variety store, now occupied by Mentley & Press, next to Roller's meat market (now Eaton's), with entrance on Main Street. About 1868 it was located in the store now occupied by F. E. Redfield.

During all or a portion of W. H. Stuart's term it was located in the Union Block, in the store now occupied by A. T. Johnson's grocery. Later for a number of years, and down to about 1882, it was back in the building on Jamestown Street, when it was again changed to the new brick building, then just built by H. F. Henry, on the north side of Main Street, now occupied by DeLong & Kerr and R. C. Holmes, where it remained until 1894, when it was located, as at present, in the Hooker Block, on the north side of Main Street.

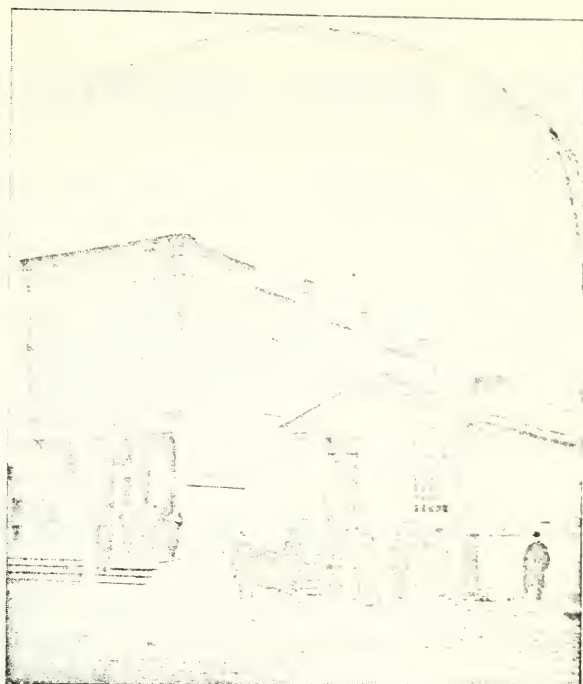
The office occupies one of the three stores in the Hooker Block, in size 20 x 60 feet, is well lighted front and rear, and has recently been supplied with a modern set of call and lock boxes.

It is not claimed that the list of postmasters here given is complete, or that their full term of service is given in many cases, but the fol-

lowing were postmasters here during all or some portion of the years indicated :

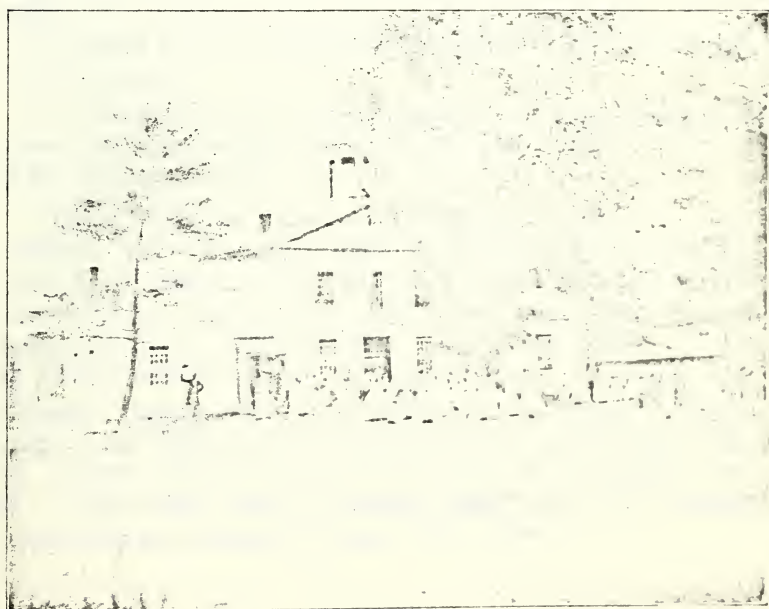
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| BENJAMIN WATERMAN, | 1822. |
| RALPH PLUMB, | 1829. |
| PHINEAS SPENCER, | 1832-39. |
| AMASA L. CHAFFEE, | 1840, '41. |
| RALPH PLUMB, | 1842, '43. |
| JOHN B. WILBOR, | 1848. |
| WILLIAM WOODBURY, | 1851, '52, '53. |
| D. N. BROWN, | 1854, '56, '57, '58, '59, '60. |
| CHARLES HENRY, | 1861, '62, '63, '64. |
| ORVILLE BISHOP, | 1869. |
| GEORGE W. HANFORD, | 1871, '72. |
| W. H. STUART, | 1873, '74, '75, '76, '77, '78. |
| SARAH RICE, | 1878, '79, '80, '81. |
| BYRON G. HILL, | 1882-1885. |
| MILLIN T. HILL, | 1886-1890. |
| SILAS H. ARNOLD, | 1891-1894. |
| FRANK L. MATTOCKS, | 1894-1898. |
| WILLIAM N. WALLACE, | 1898. |





POST-OFFICE, 1834.

"THE OLD BRICK OFFICE."



GOWANDA UNION SCHOOL.
BUILT, 1844. BURNED, APRIL 17, 1874.

THE GOWANDA UNION SCHOOL.

PRIOR to 1844 what is now comprised in the Union School District was in several districts.

At about that time a school was held in a building near the site of the present M. E. Church; another, in the upper story of what was then called the "Eagle Tavern," now the Gowanda House.

Prof. Sedgwick was, at or about the time of combining the districts, a teacher here, and was the first principal in the school house, built in 1844 on the present site.

When the consolidation of the districts took place, \$175 was voted for the site, which was purchased of E. W. Henry, and \$1,200 to build the school house.

It would seem that the plans proposed by Dr. John F. Allen were adopted for the new building.

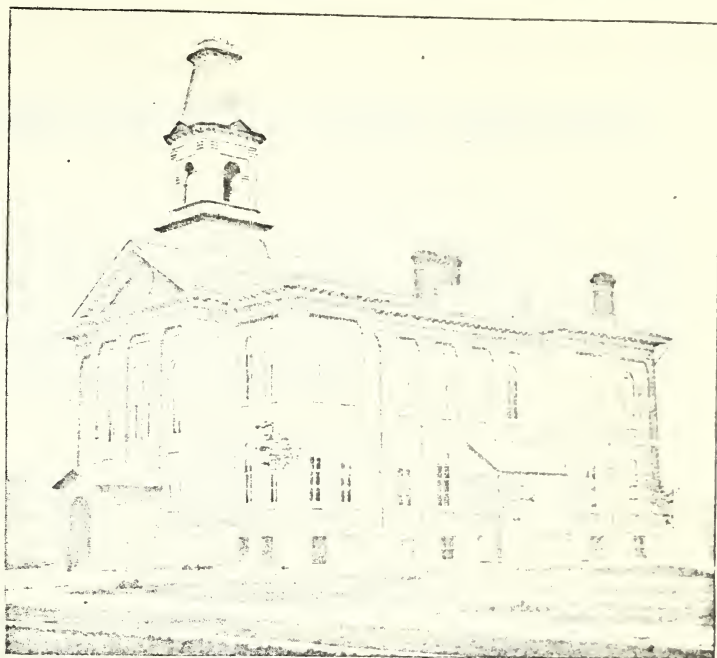
December 6, 1866, it was determined, by a vote of 106 to 49, that the school become a union school, under the name of the "Gowanda Union Free School."

The house built in 1844 was burned on Sunday morning, August 9, 1874, and the present brick building was built by Silas Vinton, contractor, in 1876, at a cost of about \$18,000, on the lot bought in 1844.

The school now has a registered attendance of about 500 pupils, with ten teachers.

It is impossible to give all the teachers who have taught in the school, but the following have been principals during all or portions of the years given below:

William L. Haven, 18—; E. E. Williams, A. M., 1—; Prof. Sedgwick, 1844; Dr. Allen, 1851; H. B. Pierce, 1852; Samuel G. Love, 18—; Judson Sibley, 1857; A. C. Tefft, 1859-60-61; Prof. Powers, 1862; Chas. E. Swett, 1864; Prof. Long, 1865; Wm. H. Rogers, 1866; Dr. Holcomb, 1867; T. R. Green, 1868-9; Hubert H. Merrill, 1863-64-69-70; G. A. Bates, 1870; C. A. Young, 1871; George T. Quimby, 1871; F. A. Winnie, 1872; George W. Gillette, 1873; J. H. Selden, 1874; Prof. Weeks, 1875; J. W. Willis, 1875; M. J. Griffin, 1876; Fred Dick, 1877-8-9; R. R. Rogers, 1880; W. O. Ball, 1881; Frank S. Thorpe, 1882-3-4-5; J. H. Selden, 1881-7-8-9-90; Charles A. Black, 1891 to 1898.



The present corps of teachers is as follows: Charles A. Black, A. M., Principal; Mrs. Charles A. Black, Preceptress; Velma C. Brown, Nettie B. Ranson, Sara Ryder, Grace Higbee, Josephine A. C. Groat, Cora Halstead, May C. Richards and Veva Higbee.

Board of Education, 1898: Asher C. Stafford, President; Samuel G. Keyes, Dr. A. D. Lake, Edward Etsler, Edgar A. Shaw, Henry R. Gaensslen; Charles S. Howland, Clerk.

By the will of the late C. C. Torrance, the school received a legacy of \$1,000, the income from which was to be used to procure prizes for two pupils of the graduating class in each year, to be known as the C. C. Torrance prizes. The Board of Education, by unanimous vote, on August 6, 1889, accepted the very generous gift of Mr. Torrance, in accordance with the conditions suggested by him.

The school at the present time is in a very prosperous condition, many foreign pupils being in attendance each term. The school building, erected in 1876, which was then considered more than sufficient for many years to come, has already become too small for the school, and the Board of Education has been compelled to rent additional accommodations.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS FROM GOWANDA.

THE citizens of this village who have held official positions, other than those of a local character, are as follows. The dates given are those when the persons were elected or appointed to the office, except as to Members of the Assembly, in which cases the year is that in which the person served:

COUNTY JUDGE.

CHESTER HOWE, . . . Cattaraugus County, . . . November, 1851.
WILLIAM WOODBURY, . . . Cattaraugus County, . . . November, 1859.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

CYRENIUS C. TORRANCE, Erie County, . . . November, 1862.
JOSEPH M. CONGDON, . . . Cattaraugus County, . . . November, 1895.

While Mr. Torrance was District Attorney of Erie County his assistant was Grover Cleveland, who later became Sheriff of Erie County, Mayor of the city of Buffalo, Governor of the State of New York, and twice President of the United States.

SHERIFF.

RALPH PLUMB, . . . Erie County, . . . November, 1843.
GEORGE W. WHITE, . . . Cattaraugus County, . . . November, 1843.
WILLIAM W. HENRY, . . . Cattaraugus County, . . . November, 1873.

It will be observed that in 1843 the sheriffs from both counties were elected from the village of Gowanda (then Lodi).

COUNTY CLERK.

ENOS H. SOUTHWICK, . . . Cattaraugus County, . . . November, 1852-58-67.
SAMUEL C. SPRINGER, . . . Cattaraugus County, . . . November, 1864.
WILLIAM W. WELCH, . . . Cattaraugus County, . . . November, 1870.

SCHOOL COMMISSIONER.

HENRY S. STEBBINS, . . . Third District, Erie County, . . . About November, 1860.

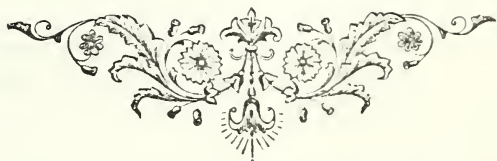
MEMBERS OF ASSEMBLY.

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| PHINEAS SPENCER, . . . | Cattaraugus County, | 1824. |
| ALBERT G. BURKE, . . . | Cattaraugus County, | 1835. |
| RALPH PLUMB, | Erie County, 2d District, | 1835. |
| PHINEAS SPENCER, . . . | Cattaraugus County, 2d District, . . | 1837. |
| CHESTER HOWE, | Cattaraugus County, 2d District, . . | 1841. |
| SETH FIELD, | Cattaraugus County, 2d District, . . | 1845. |
| MICHAEL H. BARKER, . . | Cattaraugus County, 2d District, . . | 1853. |
| JOSEPH H. PLUMB, . . . | Erie County, 4th District, | 1860. |
| FRANKLIN PHILBRICK, . | Cattaraugus County, 2d District, . . | 1861. |
| JOSEPH H. PLUMB, . . . | Erie County, 5th District, | 1867. |
| WILLIAM H. STUART, . . | Cattaraugus County, 2d District, . . | 1869. |
| HENRY F. ALLEN, . . . | Erie County, 5th District, | 1878. |
| JOSEPH M. CONGDON, . . | Cattaraugus County, 2d District, . . | 1880-81. |

It will be noticed that in 1835 this village had two representatives in the Assembly, one from each county in which the village is located.

CORONERS.

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| JAMES KAVANAUGH, . . . | Cattaraugus County, | November, 1887-90. |
| GEORGE W. HOWARD, . . | Cattaraugus County, | November, 1892. |



MILITARY HISTORY OF GOWANDA PRIOR TO THE REBELLION.

FROM 1818 to 1822 as a part of the State militia was the 198th Regiment, probably composed wholly of Cattaraugus-county men. Among its officers, with date of taking the oath of office, were the following :

Colonel, Benjamin Waterman, July 5, 1822 ; Captain, Simon Waterman, July 6, 1821 ; Lieutenant, Heman Waterman, June 9, 1821 ; Ensign, Edwin Farnsworth, July 6, 1821.

Col. Benjamin Waterman resigned in 1827 and was succeeded by James McGlashen.

There seemed to have been a reorganization in 1830, and Cattaraugus County became a part of the militia district comprising the 54th Brigade, 26th Division, which also included Collins and Concord in Erie County. The brigade was composed of seven regiments, and Jehiel Hill was colonel of the Gowanda Regiment. James McGlashen was brigadier-general. In 1838, Col. Jehiel Hill became brigadier-general on the promotion of Gen. McGlashen to major-general.

Among Gen. Hill's aides were Byron Cochran of Springville and Thomas J. Parker of Gowanda ; Dr. Levi Goldsborough, surgeon, and John P. Darling of New Albion, and Enos Austin of Otto.

Thomas J. Parker enlisted September 12, 1833, in a uniformed company of riflemen, under Howel W. Parker, captain, attached to the 198th Regiment. Col. Hill's successors in command of the 198th were Col. Sylvenus Cook, Col. Joseph H. Plumb, Col. George S. Hickox and Col. Titus Roberts. Among the independent uniformed companies attached to this regiment was a company of riflemen, commanded by Captain Amasa L. Chaffee.

For many years there were held, usually in the month of October, what were officially known as the annual regimental musters, but which were commonly known as "general trainings."

In 1846 was held the last general training or muster under the old compulsory law.

The first and only militia organization in the county prior to the Rebellion was the 64th Regiment, 30th Brigade, 8th Division, commanded by Col. Thomas J. Parker of this village. Col. Parker was commissioned December 16, 1852, and recruited and mustered his regiment at Gowanda in August, 1853. Daniel G. Bingham was commissioned lieutenant-colonel and Enos C. Brooks, major, in July preceding.

From the adjutant-general's report it appears that in 1857 the 64th was composed in part as follows :

Co. A, 38 men. infantry, Capt. Levi W. Strobe, succeeded by Capt. Corydon C. Rugg, who was commissioned September 12, 1857 : lieutenants, Marvin F. Crandall and Henry W. Johnson. Recruited in Persia.

Co. C, 43 men, infantry, Capt. Julius B. Maltbie, commissioned September 10, 1853, then of Otto, but now of Gowanda.

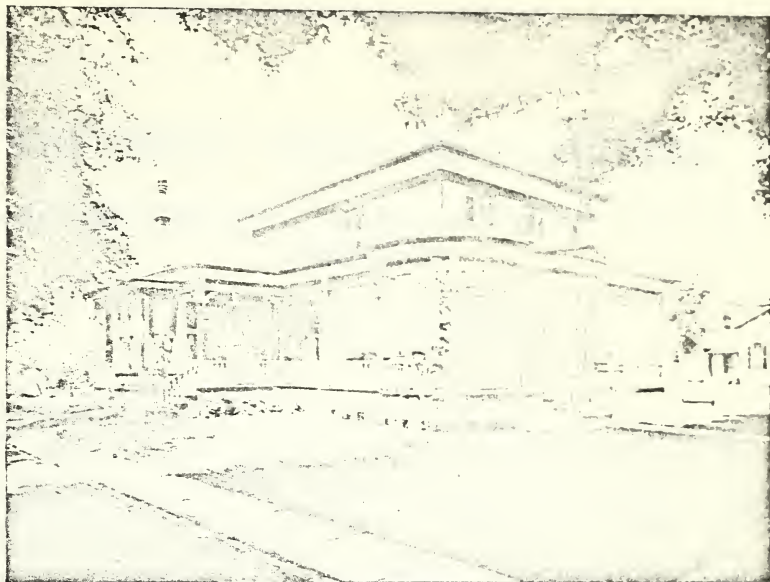
Parades were held at Gowanda as follows ; June 4-6, 1855, and June 22-24, 1858.

The 64th was reorganized as a volunteer command in 1861, and among the other companies were the following :

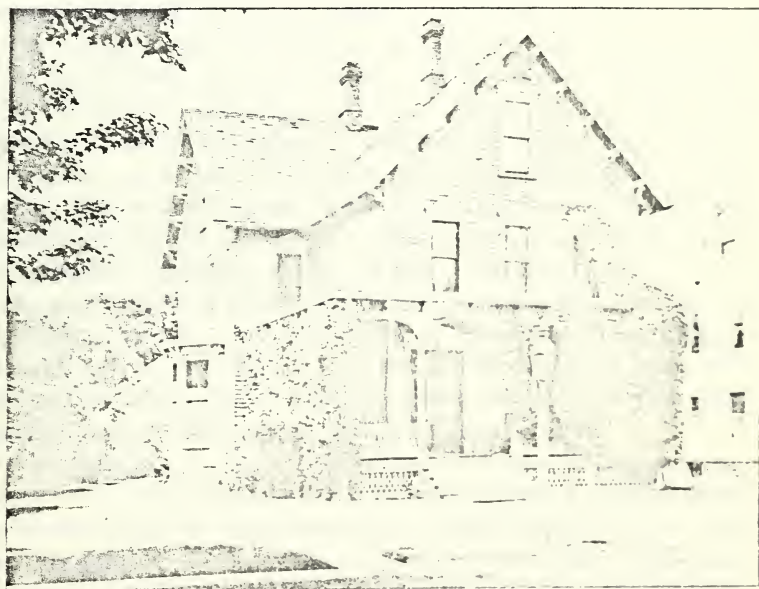
Co. A, Capt. Rufus Washburn, 82 officers and men ; Co. C, Capt. Julius B. Maltbie, 84 ; Co. D, Capt. Phipps Lake, and Co. K, Capt. William Fancher, 83 each.

This brings the military history of this locality down to the time of the Rebellion, the participants of which more fully appear in the article in this volume under that head.





RESIDENCE OF W. K. SMALLWOOD, CHAPEL STREET.



RESIDENCE OF R. P. JOHNSON, CENTER STREET.

THE PART TAKEN BY GOWANDA AND THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY IN THE WAR OF THE REBELLION.

BY NEWTON A. CHAFFEE.

IN ATTEMPTING to write a history of the part the citizens of this town and village took during the days of the Rebellion, to give even an imperfect statement of the sacrifices and contributions of its men and money, I fully realize this fact: that proper credit and justice cannot be given to the town and the noble, patriotic men that enlisted and saw service during the war, in the short space and time that has been allotted for this purpose.

The truth is, that this town contributed liberally, and always responded promptly, and more than filled the demands made upon it for men and money by the government.

The remembrance of the stirring war speeches and strong appeals made by patriotic men and orators, and the strains of music from those war meetings still linger with us—for this country was then stirred as it never was before or since, and all were made to fully realize that a blow had been struck at the life and existence of our nation; and those who passed through those years and realize the full realities and cost of serving our nation at that time will hope and pray that those conditions will never be seen and felt again.

We may succeed in obtaining a partial list of the men who went to the front at that time, and the amount of money raised may perhaps be computed, but who shall tell of the sadness, the heart aches and the tears that were shed by mothers, sisters and lovers as they were called upon to give up those most dear to them on earth.

The romance of war soon passed away and instead it became a sad reality. While men made sacrifices of homes, pleasant friends and all the bright pictures of ambitions and life itself for their country, who shall estimate the sacrifices, the ministrations of women's hearts and means to sick and dying? They placed their all upon the altars of our country, that our nation and liberty might live.

How many have watched and listened for the footsteps of those who never returned?

Many of the men that went from this town deserve more extended tribute and record of the brave, heroic services they rendered than we are able to give. Who shall describe the misery and privations endured and the sad and cheerless death that some of Persia's men suffered in Southern prisons?

There were some very marked and brilliant records made by some of Gowanda's sons, but, as their history has been partly written by others, and the causes that led up to the Rebellion, its long years of bloody struggle and the final victory that crowned our army, have been told over and over again, we shall not attempt in this short space to go over that again, but shall content ourselves by giving as far as possible a roster of the men who enlisted from this vicinity, the number of their regiment, wherever possible the causes and date of their muster out, and, if living, their present residence.

It would be impossible to tell the place of burial of all those who are dead; even their comrades and friends in many cases never knew. Go, look at the rows of over 900 graves at Gettysburg, with headstones marked unknown. The fires that swept over the fields of Chancellorsville and the Wilderness without doubt consumed many too badly wounded to escape; down upon the Peninsula, in the swamps of the Chickahominy, many of them lay; if we had the power to ascertain, we would find beyond a doubt many of them in every National cemetery among the graves marked unknown; from the prison pens of Libby, Belle Isle, Salisbury, and Andersonville many of them were carted away upon wagons piled, dead upon dead, like cordwood and all buried in a common grave.

Some of the records of Darby Post, G. A. R., containing the personal history of many of the soldiers from this vicinity, were destroyed by the fire in the Welch Block in 1893, hence, in compiling this article we are compelled to depend on the personal recollection of individuals, always more or less incorrect; but as it is, we submit it, trusting the reader will consider the many disadvantages under which we have labored.

In writing this military history of Gowanda we should do an injustice if we failed to mention the company of Home Guards that was organized here, and did duty on many public occasions, and especially added so much enthusiasm and patriotic fervor to many of the war meetings held here.

This company, of about ninety, was composed of our oldest men, none of whom were probably under the age of 50 or 60 years. It was officered as follows:

Captain, Amasa L. Chaffee, a veteran of the war of 1812; 1st Lieutenant, Levi W. Strobe; 2d Lieutenant, Samuel C. Springer; Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Lord; and Chief Musician, Charles Green.

Who that ever heard Mr. Green has forgotten the enthusiasm and life that he felt himself and made others appreciate, as he played upon his fife.

This company of men had the respect and confidence of our citizens, for they were all known to be true Union men, and no person would doubt that they would, had occasion required, have defended our homes and loved ones to the full extent of their power. They watched the result of the nation's struggle with the deepest interest, and rejoiced with hearts overflowing with joy and gladness when victory crowned our armies. Who can estimate the good, and the influence for good, and the upholding of loyal sentiments, that such organizations accomplished in those trying years?

Col. Thomas J. Parker was instrumental in organizing the 64th Regiment, probably as good a regiment as went from this State. The history of the 64th New York would almost be the history of the Army of the Potomac, for they were engaged in all of its campaigns and were engaged in nearly all its battles.

Col. Parker went to Elmira, August 27, 1861, to complete the organization of the 64th. September 1st, Co. A, of the 64th, went to Elmira from this village and was mustered into the United States Army, December 10, 1861. The first battle this regiment was engaged in was at Fair Oaks, Va.

About twenty-five young men from this village were members of the 72d N. Y. Volunteers, five companies of which were recruited from Chautauqua County. The 72d was in all the battles of the Peninsular Campaign, under McClellan, in 1862, and was attached to Sickles' Brigade, Hooker's Division, 3d Army Corps, and fought at the Battle of Gettysburg, July 1, 2 and 3, 1863, under the command of Gen. Daniel E. Sickles. In the spring of 1864 the 3d and 2d army corps were consolidated, and after that served under Gen. Grant until the surrender of Gen. Lee at Appomattox.

August 12, 1862, the Persia, Gowanda, Perrysburgh and Dayton members of the 154th Regiment left Perrysburgh depot for James-

town, to the number of thirty, where they were rendezvoused for some time.

While there the Battle of Antietam was fought, and won, by the Union forces under Gen. McClellan. The people of the North were correspondingly elated, and it was claimed in some quarters that the war would soon close and that the 154th would see no actual service.

What followed proved this conclusion was erroneous.

The first battle in which the 154th was engaged was at Chancellorsville. After the Battle of Gettysburg, the 154th was transferred to the western army, the 11th and 12th corps were consolidated, and formed the 20th corps, and were under command of "Fighting Joe" Hooker. This corps joined the army of Gen. Sherman at Chattanooga, Tenn., and was engaged in the battles of Lookout Mountain and Mission Ridge, and was with Sherman in his Atlanta campaign, and finally went with him in his world-renowned march to the sea.

Frank Sisson was the first man from this village to be killed in battle, and Henry Darby the last one. He was killed in the last, or very near the last, engagement of the war, in fact, it is claimed by many that he was the last man shot in an engagement with the Confederates.

To compile anything like a correct roster of the men engaged in the late war, just from this locality, requires a large amount of work: information, sometimes incorrect, has to be obtained from sources other than official records.

I believe this roster of the men from this locality is more complete than any before furnished, although it is not claimed to be entirely correct. The following is the roster:

AVERILL, JEROME, Co. A, 154th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted August 14, 1862. Discharged March, 1863. Wounded.

AUSTIN, IRVIN E., 100th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted January 1, 1861. 3 years.

AVERILL, WEBSTER, Co. D, 72d N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted May 27, 1861. Killed at Malvern Hill, Va.

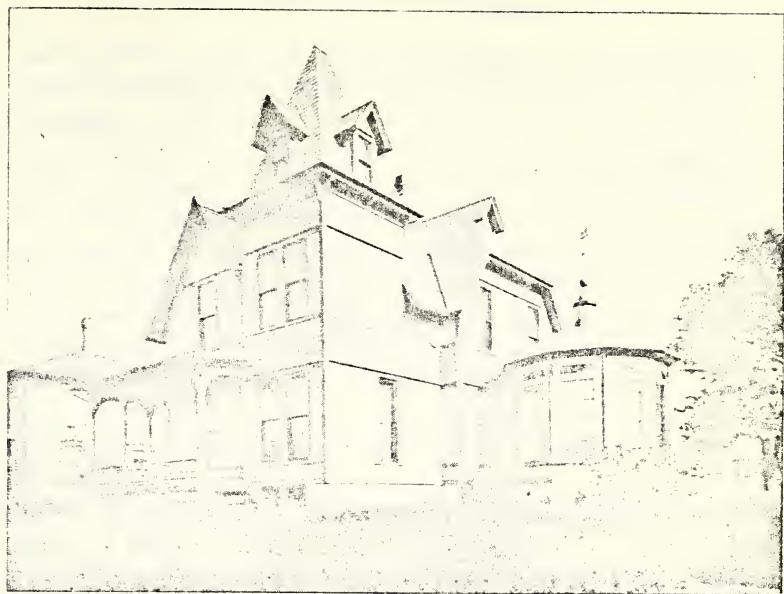
ALVERSON, ANSON, Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted November, 1861.

ALBRO, JEROME, Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted January, 1862. Died Camp Convalescent April 4, 1863.

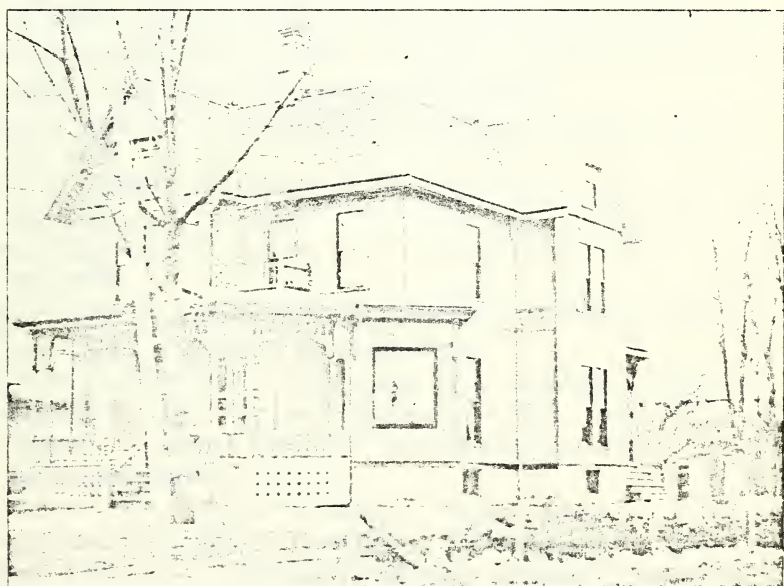
BROWN, EDWIN, Corp., 100th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted October 11, 1861. Died from wounds May 29, 1862.

- BACON, ESEK. P., Co. B, 154th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted July, 1862.
3 years.
- BARR, GEO. W., Surgeon, Co. B, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted
November 20, 1861. 3 years. Now at Titusville, Pa.
- BECK, FRED, Co. E, 72d N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted May 27, 1861.
3 years. Now at Spring Creek, Pa.
- BAKER, HENRY, Co. E, 72d N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted May 27, 1861.
3 years. At Leon, N. Y.
- BAILEY, FRANK, Co. E, 72d N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted May 27, 1861.
3 years.
- BURNS, WILLIAM, Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September,
1861. Killed at Coffee Hill, Va., October, 1863.
- BURK, EBED M., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September,
1861. 3 years. Re-enlisted as Veteran Volunteer.
- BURK, ALBERT D., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September,
1861. Died in hospital, Virginia.
- CHAFFEE, NEWTON A., Co. B, 154th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted Sep-
tember 2, 1862. Promoted to Quartermaster Sergeant. 3 years.
- CONGDON, GEO. B., Co. B, 154th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted August
14, 1862. 1 year.
- CAMP, WILLOUGHBY, Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted Septem-
ber, 1861. 3 years.
- CHASE, ARNOLD P., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted Septem-
ber, 1861. 3 years. Promoted to Captain.
- COWDRY, ALBERT, Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September,
1861. Transferred to Invalid Corps November, 1863.
- DARBY, HENRY A., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted Septem-
ber 16, 1861. Promoted to Captain. Killed in battle Potomac
River, Va., April 8, 1865.
- DARBY, ALBERT, 1st Lieutenant Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. En-
listed September 16, 1861. 3 years. Discharged as Captain.
- EMERY, FRANK, Co. E, 72d N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted May 27, 1861.
3 years. Lives at Reading, Mich.
- FOLEY, PATRICK, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September 20, 1861.
Discharged for disability. Re-enlisted as Sergeant 154th N. Y.
Infantry, September, 1862. Lives at Leon.
- FARNSWORTH, MARVIN F., Co. D, 72d N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted May
27, 1861. Discharged July, 1862, for disability.
- FOX, JOHN, Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861.
3 years. Now at Buffalo.

- GEIRING, MATTHIAS, 97th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted August, 1863. Served till close of war.
- GARDNER, CLAYTON A., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September 23, 1862. Killed at Battle of Gettysburg July 3, 1863.
- GRANNIS, CASSIUS E., 116th N. Y. Infantry. 3 years. Now lives in Chicago.
- GRIFFITH, THOMAS, 116th N. Y. Infantry. Killed at siege of Port Hudson.
- HENRY, WILLIAM W., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September 16, 1861. Promoted to 1st Lieutenant. Discharged for disability May, 1863.
- HALL, CHARLES, Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September 16, 1861. Discharged November, 1862. Disability.
- HENRY, JAMES E., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September 16, 1861. Died at Yorktown, Va., May 4, 1862.
- HALL, WILLIS G., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September 16, 1861. Died of wounds at South Mountain, Va., December 28, 1862.
- HOWARD, GEORGE M., 18th Iowa Infantry. Enlisted April 13, 1862. Discharged for wounds August, 1862. Served also 6 months in Mexican War in 10th N. Y. Infantry.
- HOWE, RALPH P., Co. D, 72d N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1862. Leg shot off in front of Petersburg, Va. Lives at Washington, D. C.
- HURDLEY, JOHN B., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861. Transferred to Invalid Corps November, 1863. Lives at Minneapolis, Minn.
- HURDLEY, DANIEL W., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861. Promoted to Major. 3 years.
- HENRY, LEWIS W., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861. Discharged June, 1862, for disability.
- HENRY, HIRAM F., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted October, 1861. Discharged as musician, by order War Department, September, 1862. (Proprietor Hi Henry's Minstrels.)
- HOWARD, GEORGE W., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861. Discharged as musician, by order War Department, September, 1862.
- KAVANAUGH, JAMES, Co. D, 72d N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted under name of James K. Palmer, May 27, 1861. Discharged June 21, 1864. Taken prisoner at Gettysburg, July 2, 1863. Con-



RESIDENCE OF HON. J. M. CONGDON, CHESTNUT STREET.



RESIDENCE OF J. A. BESTUP, ERIE AVENUE.

fined at Libby and Belle Isle, Richmond, Va. Released on parole, December 23, 1863. Wounded at Richmond, August 24, 1863.

KERR, ALBERT D., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861. Promoted to Lieutenant. Wounded at Bristol Station, Va. Discharged order War Department.

KRAMER, CHRIST, Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861. Discharged February 26, 1863, for disability.

LOCKE, EMERSON, Co. B, 154th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1862. 3 years. On editorial staff of Buffalo *Courier*.

LINDSLEY, RICHARD, Co. E, 72d N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted May 27, 1861. 3 years.

LORD, ALBERT A., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861.

MATTHEWS, HENRY, 90th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September 13, 1864. 1 year.

MATTHEWSON, JAMES M., Sergt. Co. K, 154th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted August 31, 1862. 3 years.

MATTHEWS, JOHN, Co. L, 10th N. Y. Cavalry. Enlisted August 9, 1862. Served 2 years, 3 months.

MATTHEWS, JOSEPH F., Co. L, 10th N. Y. Cavalry. Enlisted August 9, 1862. Discharged July 31, 1865, order War Department.

MATTHEWS, FRANK, Co. D, 72d N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted May 27, 1861. Died in lower Maryland winter of 1861.

MORGAN, BENJ. F., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861.

MANHART, GEORGE, Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861.

MANHART, LYMAN, Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861.

MORGAN, JOHN W., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861. Transferred to Invalid Corps.

MCCUTCHEON, EDWARD T., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861. Served 3 years and 6 months. Promoted to Captain. Prisoner 9 months in Charleston and Columbia, S. C., and Macon and Savannah, Ga.

MILLER, —, Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861.

MYERS, CHAS., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861.

OGLIVIE, ALEX., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861.

- PLACE, THOS. S., 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861. 3 years.
- PARKER, THOS. J., Colonel 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September 16, 1861. Resigned October, 1862.
- PERSONS, KIMBLE, Co. L, 10th N. Y. Cavalry. Enlisted August 9, 1862. Killed in Battle of Wilderness.
- PROSSER, EMMET, Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861. 3 years.
- PALMER, GEO. A., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861. 3 years.
- PARKER, JAMES W., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861.
- PALMER, FRANK G., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861.
- RUSSELL, WM. W., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861. 3 years. Promoted to Lieutenant.
- RICH, JOSHUA, 154th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September 6, 1862. 3 years.
- ROLLER, WM. W., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September 16, 1861. Promoted to Lieutenant and Captain. Resigned January, 1865, on account of wounds. Resides at Salida, Col.
- RUGG, CORYDON C., Assistant Surgeon, 154th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted November 3, 1862. 3 years. (No braver man and no more tender hearted and obliging officer than he was in the army. Loved by all who knew him.) Died at Jamestown, N. Y.
- RECTOR, FRANKLIN, Co. B, 154th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted August 15, 1862. 3 years.
- RUSSELL, RANSOM, Co. B, 154th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted August 12, 1862.
- RUDD, GEORGE, Co. L, 10th N. Y. Cavalry. Enlisted August 9, 1862. Discharged for injuries received just after battle of Fredericksburg.
- ROFFEY, WM. T., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861. 3 years.
- ROFFEY, WM. HENRY, Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted January, 1862.
- STATTS, WM. H., Corporal, 72d N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted May 27, 1861. Discharged June, 1864.
- SHELMADINE, B. B., 154th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September 16, 1862. Killed at Battle of Chancellorsville.

- STATTS, THOS. J., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September 18, 1861. Died in prison at Salisbury, N. C., January 18, 1864.
- STONE, JOHN S., Co. B, 154th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted July 21, 1862. 3 years.
- STONE, PETER, Co. K, 154th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted August 20, 1862. 3 years.
- SPRINGER, HORATIO, Co. E, 72d N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted May 27, 1861. 3 years. Promoted to Lieutenant.
- SMITH, GEO. F., Co. E, 72d N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted May 27, 1861, as fifer. Discharged 1863; disability.
- SISSON, FRANK S., Co. D, 72d N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted May, 1861. Killed at Battle of Williamsburg, Va., May, 1862.
- SMITH, BENJ. F., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861.
- SHERMAN, JOB, Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861.
- STEVENS, LYMAN F., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted October, 1861. Discharged November, 1862; disability.
- SHIPPY, ALFRED H., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted October, 1861. Died, Fairfax Seminary, April 10, 1862.
- SAVAGE, JOSEPH L., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861. Lost arm at Chancellorsville, Va. Promoted to Sergeant-Major.
- TORRANCE, STILES C., 103d Ohio Infantry. Enlisted August, 1862. 3 years.
- TORRANCE, GEORGE S., 72d N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted May, 1861. Discharged July, 1863; disability.
- TYRER, GEORGE, Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September 18, 1861. Killed in Virginia.
- TYRER, THEO., Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September 18, 1861. 3 years.
- TWOGUNS, NOAH, Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted October, 1862. 1 year.
- VINCENT, HIRAM, Sergeant Co. K, 154th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted August 31, 1862. Died in prison at Richmond, Va., February 9, 1864. Taken prisoner at Chancellorsville.
- WILBOR, CHARLES H., Co. E, 72d N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted May 26, 1861. Discharged June, 1864.

WILKINSON, BENJAMIN, Sergeant Co. K, 154th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted August 30, 1862. Transferred to Veteran Reserve Corps.

WALLER, DANIEL, 1st N. Y. D. G. Enlisted February 24, 1864. Died of disease March 17, 1865.

WHITE, ORLANDO, Co. K, 154th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted August 11, 1862. 3 years. Now at Cattaraugus, N. Y.

WILKINS, FRANKLIN, Co. B, 154th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted August 14, 1862. 3 years.

WRIGHT, ABRAHAM, Co. B, 154th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted August 14, 1862.

WALKER, JESSE L., Co. E, 72d N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted May 22, 1862. Discharged June 21, 1864.

WASHBURN, RUFUS, Captain Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861. Wounded at Battle of Antietam. Lives at Irving, N. Y.

WHIPPLE, OSCAR F, Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861. Discharged for disability. Now lives at Buffalo, N. Y.

WILCOX, JAMES, Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861. 3 years and 6 months.

WALLER, MYRON, Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861. Discharged at Ft. McHenry for disability.

YOUNGS, HENRY, Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861. Died in hospital, Virginia.

YOUNGS, JOHN, Co. A, 64th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1861. Died in hospital, Virginia.

Record of veterans now or after the war residents of this village, but who lived, and enlisted, elsewhere :

WHITE, FRANK, from Perrysburgh, Co. H, 90th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted September, 1863.

ARNOLD, SILAS H., from Aurora, N. Y., Co. B, 116th N. Y. Infantry.

YOUNGS, WILLIAM H., from Hamburg, N. Y., Co. A, 116th N. Y. Infantry.

PHELPS, DUDLEY, from Allegany, N. Y., Co. C, 154th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted August 6, 1862. 3 years.

DORSEY, HENRY W., from Canandaigua, N. Y., Co. F, 20th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted June 22, 1864.

TAYLOR, FRANK W., from Collins, 10th N. Y. Cavalry.

GAUGER, CHARLES W., from Buffalo, 15th N. Y. H. A., Co. I. Enlisted August 14, 1863. 2 years, 2 months.

BROWN, GEORGE P., from Coldspring, Co. A, 154th N. Y. Infantry. Enlisted July 24, 1862.

MALTBIE, JULIUS B., Capt. Co. C, 64th N. Y. Infantry, from Otto, N. Y.

ARLIN, WM. H., from Fremont, O. Enlisted spring of 1862, Co. A, 11th Ohio Infantry. 14 months. Re-enlisted in 3d Ohio Cavalry. Mustered out at Columbus, O., June, 1865.

KING, RANSOM G., from Collins, N. Y. Enlisted 1861, 10th N. Y. Cavalry. 3 years.

BABCOCK, HORACE, from Weyauwega, Wis., as Surgeon 2d Wisconsin Infantry. Enlisted December, 1862. Resigned October, 1863, for disability.

CROSS, SILAS B., from Otto, N. Y., 9th N. Y. Cavalry.

The following were born and lived for some time in this village, but lived at time of war, and enlisted, elsewhere :

HENRY and LEONARD PIERCE, brothers, both served in a Pennsylvania regiment, and without doubt died in the service.

ALFRED DAVIS, enlisted from Reading, Mich.; died in the service.

LAWRENCE TOEPP, enlisted 1864; wounded, discharged at close of the war. Died at Gowanda April 29, 1877, aged 40 years.

JOHN DONLY, Co. K, 154th N. Y. Infantry, served 3 years. Taken prisoner at Gettysburg, July 1, 1863. Wounded at Rocky Face Ridge, Tenn. Lives at Jamestown, N. Y.

JOHN M. HENRY, Lieut. 154th N. Y. Infantry. Served 3 years. Taken prisoner at Gettysburg, July 1, 1863. Confined in Southern prisons 22 months. Died at Fond du Lac, Wis.

During the War of the Rebellion so much of public interest was occurring, that to receive more than passing notice an incident must be of more than usual interest.

Co. A, of the 64th Regiment N. Y. Vols., was recruited largely from this locality, and naturally the departure of this company for the seat of war was a matter of deep interest to the people of this vicinity, so much so that the ladies of the village prepared a flag, which was presented to the company.

The following account of what took place on that occasion is taken from the *Gowanda Reporter*, under date of September 20, 1861 :

PRESENTATION OF A BANNER TO CO. A BY THE LADIES OF GOWANDA
— DEPARTURE OF THE COMPANY FOR ELMIRA — GRAND DEMON-
STRATION BY THE PEOPLE !

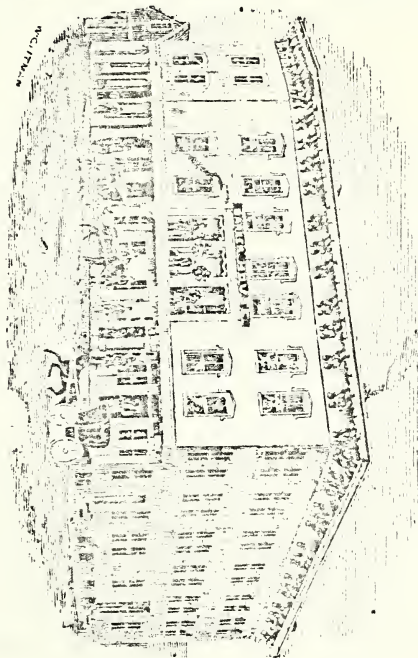
The ceremony of presenting a flag to Co. A by the ladies was interesting in the extreme. The members of the company began to assemble early in the day (Saturday) to arrange for an election of officers, which was appointed to take place at one o'clock. Long before that hour the relatives and friends of the recruits, together with a large number of other persons, came in to assist in the ovation. After the election was held, Lieut. Woodward formed the company in line in front of the armory, where each man was furnished with a musket, and thus equipped, for the first time assumed something of "the pomp and circumstance of glorious war." The Gowanda brass band was in attendance, and to the stirring notes of Hail, Columbia! the company marched to the encampment on Jamestown Street, and, after remaining there a short time, the company, headed by the band, marched to the square in front of the Barker House, where the flag was presented, and the company addressed by Miss Hattie Davis, on the part of the ladies, as follows :

"The ladies of Gowanda and vicinity take much pleasure at this time in presenting to you the Flag of our Country—the emblem of the Union as our fathers gave it into our hands, and we commit it to you to bear on the field of battle, where Treason has raised her fratricidal arm to strike a death blow to the foundations of the sacred Temple of Liberty, and it is with much satisfaction and heartfelt gratitude that we see you standing bravely forth in its defense.

"Take, then, this flag, which we entrust to your hands, feeling certain, as we do, that it will return with you from victory; and when on the battlefield may it remind you of home and friends who are anxiously and prayerfully awaiting your honorable return, when our country shall be rescued from the hands of traitors who seek to despoil us of our fair inheritance.

"Hoping to meet all of you again, in our country's name, we thank you for the love which you show for it in thus going forth to its rescue. We commend you to God, and may He watch over you and crown your efforts with success, so that future generations may

THE BARKER HOUSE.




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CORNER OF MAIN AND WATER STREETS,

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Gowanda, March 11, 1859.

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honor you even as we do our forefathers; and may our flag again wave in triumph and peace over every portion of our beloved country."

This address was received by the company with tremendous cheering.

A patriotic song was sung by the glee club, under the supervision of H. Johnson, when Mr. Daniel Hurdley responded on the part of the company, in the following address :

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :

"In behalf of the company, which has been doubly honored in the presentation of this beautiful banner by the ladies of Gowanda, I arise as their representative in the performance of a task, the sublimity and delicacy of which has never been equalled within the shades of our native valley. Situated as we have been heretofore, in the enjoyment of domestic tranquility, and surrounded by true-hearted friends whose kindness has been most nobly manifested this evening, we must acknowledge, in severing these bonds of friendship and ties of kindred, that the fount of our emotions has many a sigh to heave, and many a tear to shed. But, friends, while we regret to part with so many of you for an uncertain period, we go with the assurance that your hopes and prayers are ever to be with us and our cause ; and while upon the tented field, far removed from the cherished scenes of other days, we gaze with pride upon that noble emblem of our country — also of your love and affection. Memory will recall the long-to-be-remembered scenes — these friends and this feeling — and nerve us with a courage unsurpassed by the defenders of Thermopylæ.

"Be assured, friends, that your generosity and kindness to this company clustered here to witness it, will never, no, never, be forgotten by the humblest of its members, but will continue to live and ripen long after the sods have become green over the grave of Secession.

"In the name of my companions, I tender to you our united thanks, from hearts overflowing with gratitude, for this noble gift. Truly, now, do we begin to realize the meaning the poet so beautifully expressed :

Flag of the free hearts, hope and home,
By angel hands to valor given ;
Thy stars have lit the welkin dome,
And all thy hues were born in heaven."

“And now, friends, this is the last occasion we may ever have of seeing your familiar faces, or of meeting you again; we leave you with our best wishes for your success, your prosperity, and your felicity.

“And now, ladies, once more receive the heartfelt thanks of the company for your beautiful gift. With these words we bid you a reluctant yet affectionate farewell.”

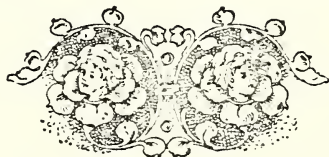
Further speeches were made by Rev. C. B. Lord, Dr. Wilson, Messrs. Torrance, Woodbury and Hickox, when the proceedings were closed and the crowd dispersed.

Monday was the time appointed for Co. A to leave, and at noon the members were invited by the patriotic proprietor of the Barker House to dine at his hotel, an invitation which was gladly accepted.

At one o'clock the command was formed in line, and, escorted by the Home Guard, numbering 40 muskets, started for the railroad station.

Our citizens and people from the adjoining towns, to the number of 800, followed in procession, making a long line of carriages, and thus attended, the gallant Co. A left the associations and blessings of home and peace for the startling adventures incident to the stirring times of war.

At the battle of Fair Oaks Gen. O. O. Howard, then in command of a brigade, was severely wounded. At this time Maj.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles, then a lieutenant, was one of his staff officers. Col. T. J. Parker of this village was in command of the 64th Regiment, and after Gen. Howard was wounded Col. Parker was placed in command of Gen. Howard's brigade for a time, and for about a month Gen. Miles was one of the staff officers of Col. Parker.





LODI MANSION HOUSE—SEELY BLACKNEY, PROPRIETOR.

BURNED APRIL 30, 1856.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GOWANDA.

BY REV. J. EMORY FISHER.

THE writer is informed that Ralph Plumb, who came here in 1823, was the first Presbyterian to locate in "Lodi"; others of this denomination, in the persons of Joseph Plumb, the Grannises and Curtisses, and others, soon followed. It is not known who preached the first sermon, but the service was held in the room over Mr. Plumb's store, or in the school house on the site now occupied by Peter Rink's store.

Joseph Plumb organized the first Sabbath School in the summer of 1826, which has continued down to the present time.

The first society of this church was organized July 1, 1827, with the following members:

Joseph Plumb, Caroline Plumb, David Grannis, Lola Grannis, Ralph Plumb, Perthenia Plumb, Ira Curtiss, Ruth Curtiss, William Farnsworth, Ruth Smith, Electa Pierce, and David Grannis, Senior.

The society adopted the name, "The Presbyterian Society of Lodi," and at the same time elected William R. Pierson, Phineas Spencer, Lewis Edwards, Albert Burke and Joseph Plumb, trustees, and Joseph Plumb, Elder.

The church, as a part of the Presbytery of Buffalo, at once assumed its ecclesiastical duties, and was represented for the first time by Joseph Plumb, in its meeting of January 28, 1828.

Rev. Erastus J. Gillett was the first regular minister, and the services were held in the school house.

The growth was slow, only one uniting in 1828, four in 1829 and six in 1830; but 1831 was a year of good things — eight united by letter and fourteen by profession, and the twelve original stars had now become forty-five.

On January 31, 1832, the church and village were honored by a meeting of the Presbytery of Buffalo, as the record reads, "At the school house in the village of Lodi."

Under the pastorate of Rev. T. S. Harris, the church experienced a great revival, receiving during the year sixty-six new members, of whom fifty-four were converts.

Among the names are those of Mr. and Mrs. James Locke, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Chaffee, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Henry.

John B. Preston was the first installed pastor. The church gave the call January 28, 1835, and he was installed June 28th, with prayer by Rev. William Bradley, sermon by Rev. Erastus J. Gillett, and the installation prayer by Rev. Timothy Stillman.

The first church building was erected and dedicated in 1835, the first year of Mr. Preston's pastorate, and was burned February 13, 1842, the last year of his pastorate. The church was totally destroyed, together with the minutes of the session up to that time. The pastor was teaching in the basement when the fire broke out. The erection of a new building was commenced soon after and when nearly completed, and about five o'clock on the evening of March 3, 1843, it was discovered to be on fire, but was extinguished before serious damage was done.

Rev. Sylvester Cowles became pastor the same year, and held service in the hall of the hotel at the corner of Perry and Buffalo streets while the church was being completed.

In 1886, the building erected in 1843 was entirely rebuilt and extended, through the generosity of Mr. Franklin F. Spencer of Chicago, a former resident and merchant of this village, at an expense of about \$12,000, who also established in connection with it a free library, called the Mary Spencer Library, in memory of his daughter.

The building was dedicated February 24, 1887; the ceremonies, among other things, consisted of the dedicatory sermon by Rev. Albert H. Plumb, D. D., of Boston, Mass., a former member of the Sunday School of this church, and the presentation of the church and the delivery of the keys to the trustees, by Mr. Spencer, on behalf of the children of Phineas Spencer and Zebedee A. Macomber.

The following is a list of the ministers who have served this church, with the terms of their pastorate:

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| ERASTUS J. GILLETT, | 1828-1832. |
| T. S. HARRIS, | 1832-1834. |
| JOHN B. PRESTON, | 1835-1842. |
| SYLVESTER COWLES, | 1842-1844. |
| L. A. SKINNER, | 1844-1846. |
| R. S. GOODMAN, | 1847-1848. |
| J. H. RICE, | 1849. |
| J. C. KNAPP, | 1850. |

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| L. S. MORGAN, | 1851-1854. |
| S. G. ORTON, | 1854-1857. |
| A. COOPER, | 1857-1859. |
| C. B. LORD, | 1860-1865. |
| S. WARREN, | 1866. |
| SYLVESTER COWLES, | 1867-1874. |
| J. V. C. NELLIS, | 1875-1878. |
| W. W. NASON, | 1878-1879. |
| JOHN A. WELLS, | 1879-1881. |
| M. F. TRIPP, | 1882. |
| O. L. WHITE, | 1882-1883. |
| ALBERT B. ROBINSON, | 1884-1892. |
| FRANK H. COFRAN, | 1893-1895. |
| J. EMORY FISHER, | 1895 to the present time. |



THE GOWANDA METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

TO COVER a period of seventy years of church history in a short article is something hardly to be thought of.

Records are not always carefully kept, and the recollections of persons are sometimes at fault, hence a correct record covering so long a period is a practicable impossibility.

What here appears is as nearly correct as can be obtained, the data for the same being taken from an article published in the *Gowanda Herald* April 12, 1889, written by the Rev. J. W. Wright, then the pastor, and from information received from the Rev. J. B. Countryman, the present pastor.

Although the corner stone in the present church bears the date of 1832, yet the official records do not go farther back than 1835.

At that time the charge was known as Lodi Circuit. The first place of worship was a school house, that stood on the north end of the same lot on which the church now stands.

The first quarterly meeting was held in a barn, near where the Union Hotel now stands.

The following are some of those who composed the church at that time: Nathan Cass and wife, Josiah Cass and wife, Leonard Johnson and wife, Dr. Merritt, the mother and sister of the late Francis H. Root of Buffalo, Mrs. Moffit, Mrs. Lee, Miss Anderson and Miss Ruba Chaffee.

The first quarterly conference of the Lodi Circuit was held January 24, 1835. Wm. Babcock was the preacher in charge, and Rev. Mr. Yeager, Presiding Elder.

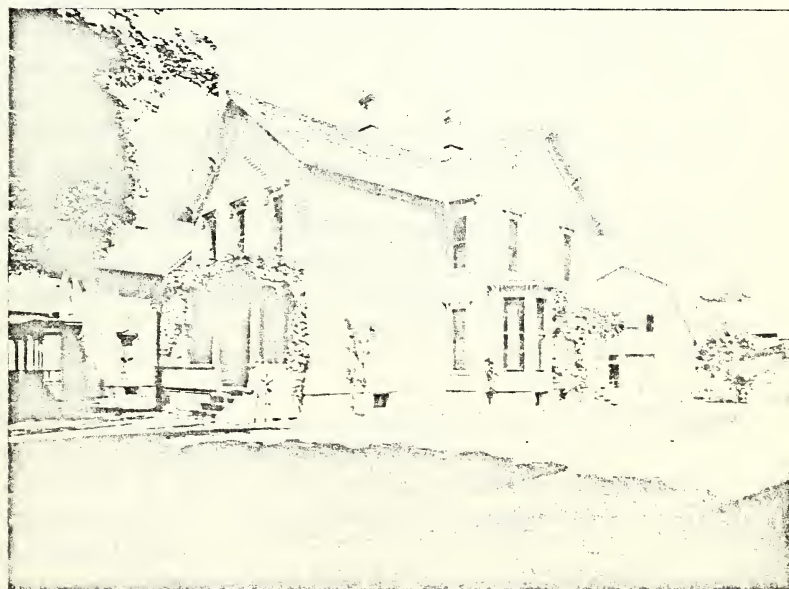
There were evidently other Methodist preachers that preached through this section before that, but the record does not give their names.

During 1836 Wm. Babcock and J. H. Whalan were still the circuit preachers, as they were called.

At the conference held in that year, Hugh Ealy was sent on as the preacher in charge.



RESIDENCE OF J. E. VAN DEUSEN, CHAPEL STREET.



RESIDENCE OF GEORGE H. SWIFT, JAMESTOWN STREET.

About this time Amasa L. Chaffee, James Locke and Titus Roberts appear as new names on the official list.

In 1837, Gustavus Hines became the preacher in charge, and in 1839 H. N. Seaver, and it would appear as though Alpha Wright was also on the circuit at that time.

It was during this year that Titus Roberts was first licensed as a local preacher. The next minister in charge was F. Atchinson, and he, in turn, was followed by J. P. Kent, about 1842.

The conference of 1843 brought Porter McKinstry on the field.

The regular church records from 1844 to 1852 were burned in the fire of 1856, but it appears that James Whited was the preacher in charge in 1845, W. S. Tuttle in 1852, who was followed the same year by James Kinard, and following him came James McClelland.

In 1853, D. Fields was put in charge here. He was a Vermonter, and was familiarly known as Father Fields. In 1854 came Alonzo Newton.

The conference of 1856 brought Rev. Mr. Moran, or Morgan, as pastor. He was, in turn, followed by Rev. Isaac Foster; he, by Charles Strong, and he, by C. D. Brooks. During 1859 the name of E. E. Chambers appears, but what his relation to the charge was is not clearly stated. He is reported as pastor, and in March of the same year Walter Gorden is referred to as being in charge. It may be there was a change made during the year, as that sometimes occurs. In October, 1860, came the Rev. W. D. Buck, who recently died in Buffalo.

It will be remembered that at about this time occurred the great schism in the church, which resulted in the formation of the Free Methodist Church.

In the fall of 1863 A. P. Ripley was appointed Presiding Elder of the district, and M. H. Rice, preacher in charge. In 1864 came J. J. Roberts, and in 1868, C. D. Burlingham, at which time W. S. Tuttle, a former pastor, was made Presiding Elder, but retired soon after, on account of poor health, and made his home in Akron, where he died February 11, 1889.

In the regular exchanges, Rev. Harris Peck was at this time sent on the charge and E. A. Rice on the district.

In 1873, W. D. Buck was returned a second time as pastor: following him came E. A. Rice as preacher in charge, and R. L. Waite as Presiding Elder.

Next came J. W. Sanborn, who did good work, especially among

the Indians. He was initiated into the Seneca tribe, being given a name which means "Light from the sky."

In 1879, Dr. D. W. C. Huntington was appointed to the district, and W. B. Cliff as pastor here.

In October, 1882, A. N. Fisher came on to the district and T. T. Rowe was appointed to Gowanda, remaining two years. He was followed in the fall of 1884 by G. M. Harris. It was during the third year of Mr. Harris' pastorate that the present church was begun, and which was finished the following year.

In the fall of 1887 came J. W. Wright, who was succeeded in 1890 by A. A. Craw, who remained one year, being followed in 1891 by Charles H. Norris, and he, in turn, was succeeded by J. B. Countryman, the present pastor, in 1896.

The present membership of the church is 164.

The present church building was erected in 1887 and '88, by Silas Vinton, contractor, at an expense of about \$12,000. It was built largely through the generosity of Francis H. Root, late of Buffalo, a former resident of this village. The church is a commodious structure, covering a ground space of 3,823 square feet, and has a tower 105 feet in height.

The church was formally dedicated February 29, 1888, by Bishop Hurst. An extended account of this interesting event appears in *Our Public Interests*, the paper published here at that time, in its issue of March 1st, which also contains a fine cut of the building.

Among the old-time ministers, in addition to the above, the dates of whose pastorates cannot be given, were — Seager, — Bunson, Soleman Judd, Amos Wooster, John Bowman and Chaucy Baker.

The Board of Trustees of the church at present is as follows :

O. B. VanDeusen, President ; Truman D. Keyes, Secretary ; W. H. Britton, Jr., Treasurer ; Philander Hurd, A. T. Johnson, F. D. Hall, B. R. Johnson, W. D. Nagle and Charles W. Gauger.



THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF GOWANDA.

BY REV. WILLIAM JONES.

THE Free Methodist Church, as a denomination, was organized by a convention of laymen and ministers, which met at Pekin, N. Y., on the 23d day of August, 1860.

The Free Methodist Society of Gowanda was organized in 1861, and their first meetings were held at the residence of Ashbel R. Sellew. The society was composed of from twenty-five to thirty members, prominent among which were Titus Roberts, Samuel C. Springer, William T. Smallwood and John B. Knowls.

The present church building was erected soon after, and on the 13th day of March, 1862, was dedicated by its founder, the Rev. Benjamin T. Roberts, who was elected general superintendent at the first general conference, which position he held to the time of his death, which occurred a few years ago, at Cattaraugus, N. Y.

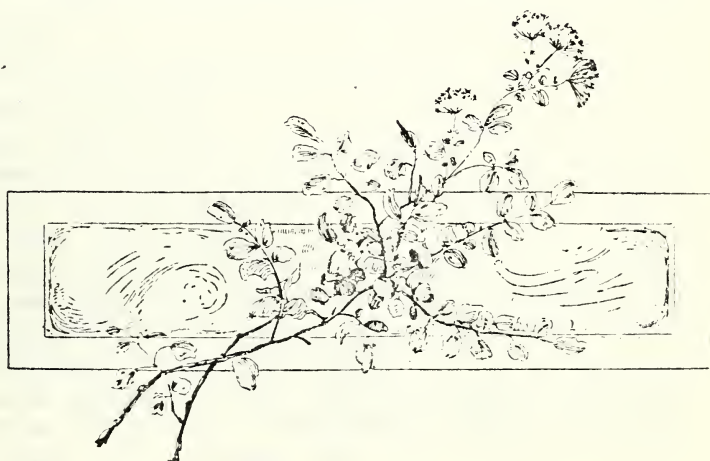
Rev. B. T. Roberts received his academic education at Lima, N. Y., and his collegiate course at the Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

The first minister in charge of this church at Gowanda was Charles Hudson, in 1861, and his successors were as follows:

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| D. M. SINCLAIR, | 1862. |
| WILLIAM JONES, | 1863. |
| J. B. FREELAND, | 1864. |
| WILLIAM JACKSON, | 1865. |
| WILLIAM MANNING, | 1866, '67. |
| C. D. BROOKS, | 1868, '69. |
| A. N. MOORE, | 1870, '71. |
| J. W. McALPINE, | 1872, '73. |
| J. C. WHITE, | 1874. |
| M. H. MONROE, | 1875. |
| R. W. HAWKINS, | 1876. |

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| A. B. MATTHEWSON, | 1877, '78. |
| A. A. BURGESS, | 1879, '80. |
| WILLIAM JACKSON, | 1881, '82. |
| W. W. BROWN, | 1883. |
| A. C. LEONARD, | 1884. |
| A. H. BENNETT, | 1885, '86. |
| M. O. MERRIOTT, | 1887, '88. |
| C. C. EGGLESTON, | 1889, '90. |
| E. C. BEST, | 1891, '92, '93. |
| JAMES BRADBROOK, | 1894. |
| THOMAS SLOCUM, | 1895, '96. |

The charge has since been supplied by William Jones.



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GOWANDA.

BY REV. L. ULMER.

EFFORTS were made some twenty-eight or thirty years ago to start a society of this church here, but without much success.

The present society was organized in 1877 by the Rev. J. Heiniger of Dunkirk, N. Y., then president of the Lutheran Immanuel Synod.

The organization was completed Sunday, June 12, 1887: eleven Lutherans were present and took part in the organization.

The society chose as a name "Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Congregation of Gowanda, N. Y." At this meeting a constitution, written by the Rev. J. Heiniger, was adopted, and an executive board, consisting of J. P. Brueck, Fr. Ley and G. Thene, were appointed to extend an invitation to all German Lutherans to join the congregation.

July 10, 1887, the congregation decided to extend a call to Rev. Fred Possin to be its pastor.

The next Sunday a board of nine officers were elected, including three elders, three deacons and three trustees. J. P. Brueck was made president of the congregation, and the board: G. Flogous, vice-president; Fred. Wiegand, treasurer, and C. Andrus, secretary.

In September, 1887, it was voted to purchase a site for a church, and the present site on the north-east corner of Erie Avenue and Park Street was bought and the present church building built thereon, which was dedicated November 25, 1888.

The entire expense of buying the lot and building the church was about \$2,300, of which a debt of \$1,300 was incurred. This entire sum had been paid by December, 1896, leaving the church property free from debt.

The corner stone of the new church was laid June 3, 1888, by the Rev. J. Heiniger, who delivered the sermon: remarks were also made by the Rev. Albert B. Robinson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, extending the congratulations of the oldest church in Gowanda to the youngest.

The dimensions of the church are thirty by fifty feet. The dedication of the new church took place Sunday, November 25, 1888, and was conducted by the Rev. L. Ulmer, assisted by Rev. A. B. Robinson of the Presbyterian Church.

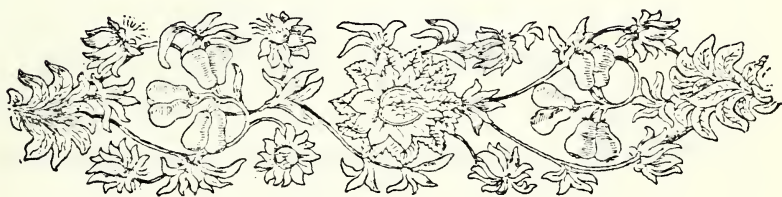
The membership at present is twenty-two. The Young Ladies' Society, connected with the church, was organized in 1891, and now has a membership of seventeen.

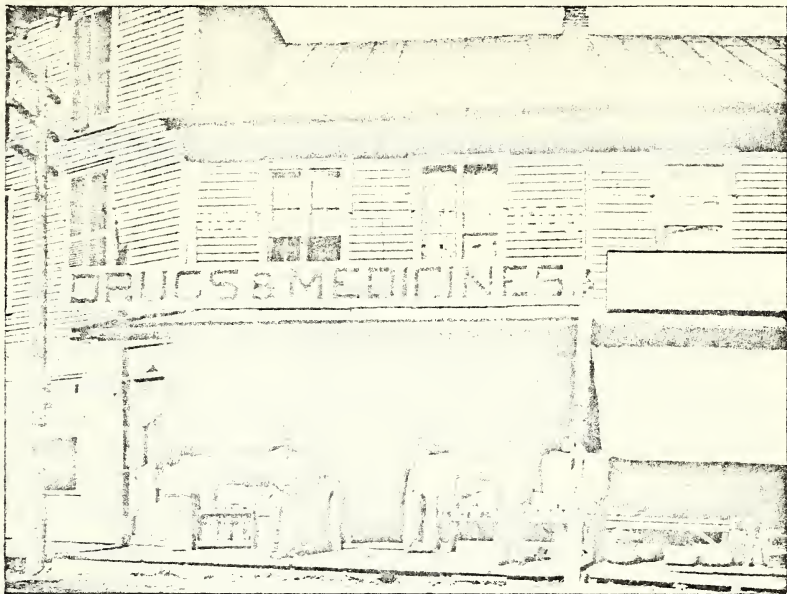
During the past ten years fifty-nine young men and women have been confirmed here.

The church has a prosperous Sunday School, consisting of about sixty children and nine teachers.

Since 1888 thirty-eight funerals have taken place in this congregation; the Lord's Supper has been administered forty times, to about 1,000 communicants.

January 29, 1888, the writer became the pastor of the church. Was installed, April 18th, in the Free Methodist Church, by the President of the Lutheran Immanuel Synod, Rev. J. Heiniger, assisted by Rev. W. E. Rommel of Salamanca, and has continued such pastor down to the present time.





ALLEN BROTHERS' DRUG STORE, JAMESTOWN STREET.



GOWANDA CANNING COMPANY, COMMERCIAL STREET.

ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

THE PRESENT church building, on the west side of Erie Avenue, was built in 1887.

For about twenty years prior to that time services were held in Peter Rink's Hall, over his store, on the west side of Buffalo Street ; during the latter part of the time by Father J. H. Leddy. For about one and a half years, just before the church was built, services were held at the house of William Kennedy.

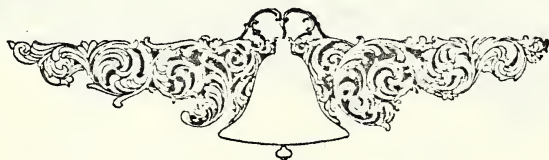
The building committee of the new church were: Peter Rink, Joseph Nabor, Jr., William Kennedy, William Smith, Cornelius Collins, Peter Freeman and Henry Salzler.

Since the church was built, the following priests have been in charge here :

O. Hogenforst, J. Wilber, John Nash, — Adolph, — Daly, Thomas Harrack, John Tracey. Father Tracey being now in charge.

The Holy Cross Cemetery, in connection with the church, consists of one acre of land on the hill east of the village, and was deeded for that purpose October 10, 1884.

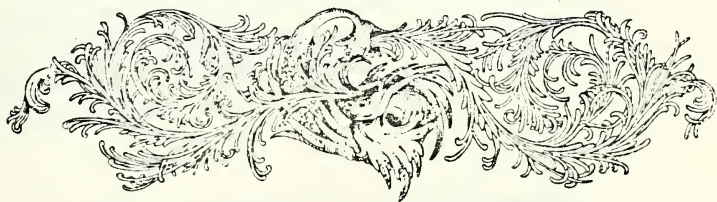
Peter Rink, who is a liberal supporter of the church, assisted materially in building the church, and advanced all the money, some \$200, with which to purchase the land for the cemetery.



THE LEGAL FRATERNITY IN GOWANDA.

AT ONE time and another there have lived and practiced their profession in this village thirty-eight lawyers. Many of them have died, others have moved away, and are now living at other places, and six are here yet, to wit: J. M. Congdon, Fred J. Blackmon, I. R. Leonard, Ward J. Wilber, G. M. Congdon and Theodore F. Welch.

The list of those who have been here at some time is as follows: Albert G. Burke, Chester Howe, L. H. Hewett, Ashbel H. Hurd, D. C. Bailey, John W. Turner, Ira E. Irish, Chas. S. Macomber, J. M. Parker, A. M. Brown, William Woodbury, C. C. Torrance, M. T. Jenkins, J. W. Deuel, A. A. Bruce, Mark W. Fletcher, George B. Wood, Julian C. Converse, Henry F. Allen, Frank S. Smit, Frank A. Newell, Hudson Ansley, Charles W. Blackney, J. M. Congdon, George M. Rider, Hudson H. Parke, E. M. Sanger, I. R. Leonard, E. Cook, Fred J. Blackmon, H. W. Allen, O. D. Sprague, G. M. Congdon, Ward J. Wilber, F. S. Thorpe, J. K. Brown, David F. Urmy and Theodore F. Welch.



THE MEDICAL PROFESSION IN GOWANDA.

IN POINT of numbers the lawyers seem to have the better of the doctors, but on the theory that possibly one doctor can do as much good as two lawyers, perhaps the proportion is all right.

Twenty-seven doctors have practiced their profession in Gowanda, of which the following are now living and practicing here: Horace Babcock, Corydon C. Johnson, J. G. Rugg, Albert D. Lake, John D. Zwetsch, Burnell R. Johnson and Walter Vosburgh.

The list complete so far as known is as follows: Sands Niles Crumb, Phipps Lake, T. P. Whipple, — Benjamin, — Merrick, Seth Field, — Merritt, — Fritts, Stephen B. Green, — Davison, Samuel G. Ellis, John S. Shugert, Horace Babcock, Corydon C. Rug, Corydon C. Johnson, John F. Allen, George W. Barr, George C. DeLamater, Harley L. Atwood, J. G. Rugg, R. E. Moss, Ernest Von Schulenburg, F. D. Pierce, John D. Zwetsch, Albert D. Lake, Burnell R. Johnson and Walter Vosburgh.

Since the above was written, and on June 6, 1898, Dr. Corydon C. Johnson has died, and it seems appropriate some mention should be made of that fact here.

Dr. Johnson has practiced his profession continuously in Gowanda since 1864, and had a deservedly large practice. For many years he was president of the Board of Education, and in many other ways was identified with the welfare and prosperity of this village.

Three sons and a daughter mourn the loss of a kind father, and the village one of its best citizens.



THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

BY J. P. BRUECK.

FIRE causes more or less damage in all thickly settled communities, and this village is no exception to that rule.

Probably, our most destructive fire was the one that has since been referred to as "The Great Fire of 1856," in which from \$100,000 to \$125,000 worth of property was destroyed.

The *Chronicle*, published here at the time, was completely burned out, and so far as appears was never published afterwards.

However, a detailed statement of the fire was printed in the *New Yorker* of Gowanda, under date of November 24, 1857, from data furnished by James M. Joy. From that article, and from an article by William H. Stuart, published in the *Gowanda Herald*, May 8, 1891, this statement of the fire is made up.

The origin of the fire is a matter of doubt. It may have been the work of an incendiary, but it is generally believed that it originated from sparks from the chimney of A. R. Sellev's furnace on the east side, falling into combustible materials in the tub factory of Gideon Webster. This was about 1 o'clock P. M., April 30, 1856.

The fire spread rapidly and soon communicated to the foundry; thence, the sparks were carried by a northeast wind across the creek and communicated with the barn of Dr. S. G. Ellis, on property afterwards owned by L. S. Jenks, and now by H. R. Gaensslen.

Soon the bridge, a wooden-covered structure, was on fire, and the draft was so great that the flame shot through and struck the Mansion House, then kept by Seley Blackney, on the corner of Main and Jamestown streets. This was a magnificent building, with three stories and a basement, and was totally destroyed. Almost at the same time the Lodi House, kept by M. H. Barker, on the corner of Main and Water streets (the present site of the store of Arnold & Wallace), was on fire and was also burned.

At the time of the fire there were buildings on the creek side of Water Street, all of which were burned. Beginning at the bridge, and going up stream, there were the tailor shop of John Wilbor, in

which from 1845 to 1849 was kept the post-office; H. Palmer's harness shop, Z. Hanford's tailor shop, T. J. Parker's tailor shop. Below the bridge the grocery of L. N. Gardner and J. P. Roller's meat market.

The following buildings were burned :

H. N. Hooker's store, dwelling house and barn; the Lodi House and barn, M. H. Barker, proprietor; William Woodbury's law office, also occupied by J. M. Joy as a dwelling; the Mansion House and barn; two stores, including the post-office, dwelling house and barn, property of D. N. Brown, postmaster; John Pierce's house and barn; E. Dake's shoe shop; house owned by Porter Welch, and T. Howard's bakery, all lying between Main and Jamestown streets; E. S. & J. S. Griswold's grocery; Hiram Palmer's harness shop; John P. Roller's meat market; N. Blackney's grocery; T. J. Parker's clothing store; Porter Welch's dry goods store, storehouse and barn; Odd Fellows' Hall; Zimri Warner's clothing store; Gideon Webster's building, occupied by A. Needham as a shoe shop; A. L. Chaffee's dry goods store; Sellew's Block, including his hardware store, millinery store of Miss Eliza G. Agard, and the *Chronicle* office; Charles Rollinson's furniture store and a large quantity of lumber; M. F. Crandall's gun shop; grocery, dwelling and barn of L. Orr; H. K. Dawson's wagon shop, and a lot of lumber; William Dauber's blacksmith shop; dwelling of H. M. Morgan. On the east side, A. R. Sellew's furnace; Gideon Webster's pail factory; Asahel Camp's woolen factory, dry house and boarding house; the Webster Block, occupied by Gideon Webster as a dry goods store, and E. N. Warner as a grocery; E. W. Henry's store, house and barn; the old grist mill and saw mill of Ralph Plumb; the veneering shop of McMillen & Bugbee, and the wooden bridge.

The fire raged from one till four; by that time every business place on the Erie side was destroyed except the Plumb Block, the old wool carding mill and saw and flour mill; on the Cattaraugus side, on Main Street, all buildings on the north side to the old brick office, now the site of Phelps' drug store, and on the south side to Adelia Waterman's house, now owned by J. F. Matthews; all buildings on Jamestown Street, to B. Davis' shop, now Frank Davis' shop, on that side, and to the present residence of S. L. Stebbins, near the livery stable on that side; on Water Street, up stream, to Hiram Palmer's house,

nearly opposite the Enterprise Building, and down stream to the house above the Fields House.

Probably the next largest fire was that of October 12, 1875, which burned the Barker House and barn, the Hanford Building and the store and dwelling of H. N. Hooker, and other property.

From time to time the propriety of procuring fire protection had been discussed, but without results.

Torrance's grist mill and Dean's saw mill were burned February 3, 1884. As a result, a special village election was called for March 5th, at which, by a vote of 146 to 11, the board of trustees were authorized to expend \$5,000 for fire protection.

On March 6th the board closed a contract with the Silsby Manufacturing Co. of Seneca Falls for one steam fire engine, two hose carts and 1,000 feet of Eureka hose, at a cost of \$3,200.

On March 19, 1884, the fire department was organized with the following companies:

Erie Hose Co. No. 1, M. T. Hill Hose Company No. 2, Gaensslen Hose Co. No. 3, Gowanda Steamer Co. No. 1, Vinton H. & L. Co. No. 1, Dankert Engine Co. No. 2.

To the above have been added the following companies:

T. D. Keyes Hose Co. No. 4, June 11, 1894; W. R. Smallwood Hose Co. No. 5, March 19, 1898.

April 19, 1898, the Dankert Engine Company disbanded, leaving at present seven active companies in the department.

The following persons have been chiefs of the department:

Frank C. Vinton, 1884; W. H. Bard, 1885 to 1888; L. W. Beach, 1889; J. Peter Brueck, 1890 to —.

The following have served as assistant chiefs of the department:

George B. Taylor, H. R. Gaensslen, William Smith, W. G. Van Ostrand, R. E. Moss, W. R. Smallwood, O. D. Sprague, Samuel Inskip, Truman Witherell, S. G. Keyes, R. C. Noblett and G. M. Congdon.

April 15, 1885, the fire board was organized, with John J. Horton as secretary and treasurer, who continued as such to 1890, since which time F. L. Mattocks has been secretary and treasurer, till the fire board was abolished.

By the Laws of 1897, the fire council took the place of the fire board, and the same is now officered as follows:

J. P. Brueck, chief, president; H. R. Gaensslen, 1st assistant chief, 1st vice-president; G. M. Congdon, 2d assistant chief, 2d vice-president; John Collins, secretary; F. M. Davis, treasurer; Joseph Kehrler, collector.

The council also includes the following members from each company, who are designated as Fire Wardens:

Erie Hose No. 1, Fred Ley, foreman, and Charles Straub.
M. T. Hill Hose No. 2, F. M. Davis, foreman, and R. A. Noblett.
Gaensslen Hose No. 3, Jos. Kehrler, foreman, and Geo. Kramer.
T. D. Keyes Hose No. 4, E. Bardwell, foreman, and John Collins.
W. R. Smallwood Hose No. 5, L. Holcomb, foreman, and W. Van Deusen.

Steamer Co. No. 1, R. M. Hussey, foreman, and J. Ward.

H. & L. Co. No. 1, John Falk, foreman, and M. McGuire.

The department now has 102 active members, thirty-four active exempts, and forty honorary exempts. Total, 176.

The property of the department inventories at \$6,403.45, in addition to the property of separate companies and individual members.

The electric fire alarm system embraces eight miles of wire, eleven alarm stations and twenty-nine call bells.

There are also seventeen hydrants scattered through the village, connected with the gravity system of the Gowanda Water Works Co., which have a continual pressure averaging about seventy-four pounds to the inch.

The efficiency of the fire department has been demonstrated many times, and while at first by some it was considered an experiment, it is now conceded by all to be an assured fact.

The department is supplied with one Silsby steamer, one hand engine, two hook and ladder trucks, four hose carts, one supply wagon, 2,500 feet of hose, thirteen play pipes, and sundry other articles which go to make the equipment of a good fire department.

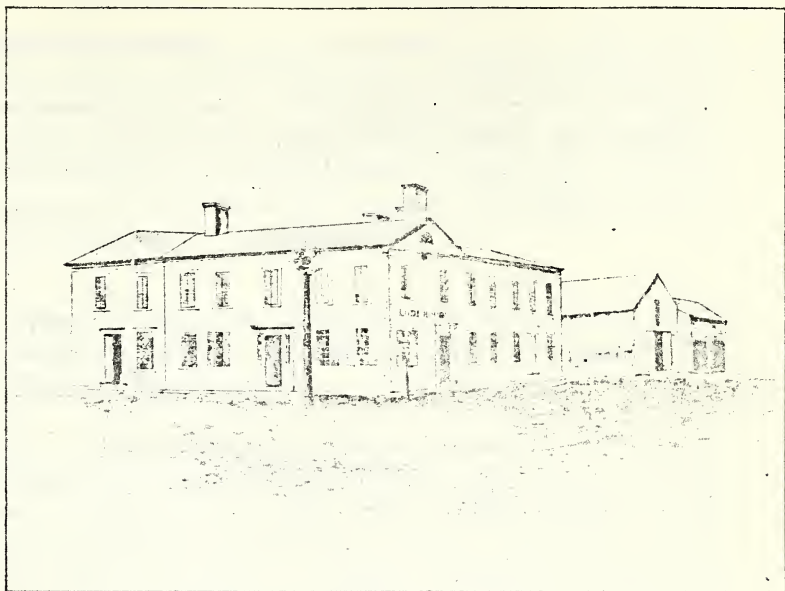
HOMEOPATHIC STATE HOSPITAL.

THE Homeopathic State Hospital grounds are situated within about one half mile from the village limits, and Gowanda is designated by law as the place of communication with the hospital.

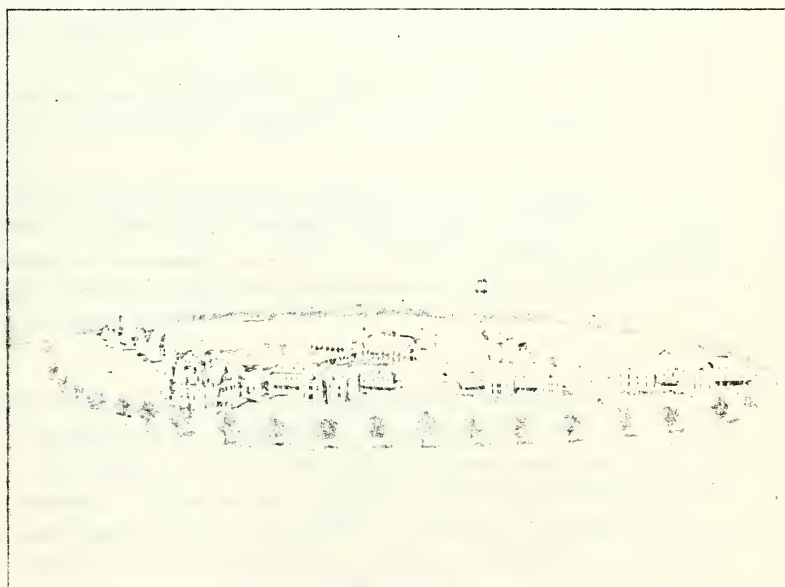
The hospital was created by an Act of the Legislature in 1894 to afford to the homeopathic medical profession and its adherents a hospital, and the securing to them the care and treatment of their insane upon homeopathic principles of medicine. To this end, and by virtue of the Act referred to, a tract of 500 acres in the town of Collins, and known as the "Taylor tract," was purchased in 1894 from the county of Erie, which had acquired possession of it for a hospital for its insane before the present system of State care had been inaugurated in this State. The history of the movement which resulted in the purchase of this tract of land by the County of Erie is briefly as follows :

In 1888 the Legislature authorized the County of Erie to select a suitable site, and to erect the required buildings for the care and maintenance of the chronic and indigent insane in Erie County, and acting under this law the Board of Supervisors appointed a committee to select a suitable site for the proposed County hospital. Our townsman, Mr. Fred J. Blackmon, was then Supervisor of the town of Collins, and he presented to such committee the "Taylor" tract. The committee visited and inspected more than twenty farms in Erie County, and after such inspection unanimously recommended the purchase of the "Taylor" tract. The report of this committee to the Board of Supervisors embodied many statements setting forth the superior quality of this tract of land for the purposes proposed, the following, condensed therefrom, being the most prominent :

"The premises consist of 500 acres situated in the town of Collins, near Gowanda, the Erie Railroad crossing the farm, thereby furnishing ample railroad accommodations. The farm, being sheltered on all sides by higher lands, is, to a certain extent, protected from strong and bleak winds, thereby lengthening at least a month the time for



THE LODI HOUSE, NORTH CORNER MAIN AND WATER STREETS.
BURNED APRIL 30, 1856.



STATE HOMEOPATHIC HOSPITAL, GOWANDA, N. Y.

the outdoor life of patients, and also lengthening the season for the planting, maturing, and gathering of crops. The farm consists of no waste or unproductive land. The soil is of a warm, fertile loam, that, under proper cultivation, will return abundant crops; free from miasmatic contamination, and quickly becomes dry after rain. It contains within its own limits facilities for complete and thorough drainage, and an abundant supply of portable water."

Hon. Wm. P. Letchworth, President of the State Board of Charities, presented a report to the Board of Supervisors regarding this tract of land, in which he says:

"After a careful, patient and unbiased examination of the several tracts referred to, I arrive at the conclusion that what is designated by your committee as the "Taylor tract" is well adapted to meet the needs of the chronic insane of Erie County as regards their health, care and comfort, and that it is capable of satisfying all reasonable expectation as to economical maintenance. I do not hesitate, therefore, to recommend it for your consideration.

"I may say further, however, that having in view all the requirements for an insane hospital of the kind proposed, I think this tract possesses these requirements in a greater degree than any hospital farm I have ever seen, not excepting the fine estate of 800 acres surrounding the Alt-Scherbitz asylum, situate in a charming and sheltered valley on the banks of the little river Elster, in Saxon Prussia.

"Should careful judgment be exercised in the development of the property on the simple cottage plan, and its affairs be well administered, I see nothing in the way of making the proposed hospital a credit to Erie County, the pride even of the whole State and a model for other countries."

Soon following the purchase of this tract of land by the County of Erie, and before it had inaugurated a hospital for itself, the "State Care" Act went into effect, and all the insane were transferred to State hospitals. By subsequent legislation this tract of land was taken from the County of Erie by the State, and when the present hospital was created by the Laws of 1894, as above referred to, the State turned over this tract of land to the hospital.

No appropriation was made in 1894, but the Legislature in 1895 appropriated \$25,000 for building a sewer from the hospital to the Cattaraugus Creek, and developing its water supply, and for the general management and preparation of the farm for a hospital. But little work was accomplished in 1895, but in 1896 a sewer was constructed at a cost of \$14,000, the water supply developed, and the commencement of the building of a hospital inaugurated, and since then appropriations have been made from time to time, and buildings have progressed, with as much rapidity as is consistent in the building of buildings of this character.

There was erected in 1896-97 an administration building, one-story annex and a hospital wing, at a cost of \$143,000, and there is now under course of erection a water tower and water plant costing \$13,000, a power house costing \$36,000, an additional wing costing \$65,000, and a laundry, kitchen, dining room and bakery, at a cost of about \$100,000.

The first Board of Managers consisted of

Dr. William Tod Helmuth of New York City.

Dr. H. M. Paine of Albany, N. Y.

Mr. S. Lewis Soule of Collins, N. Y.

This Board of Managers was succeeded in 1895 by

Dr. William Tod Helmuth of New York City.

Dr. Asa Stone Couch of Fredonia, N. Y.

Mr. Fred J. Blackmon of Gowanda, N. Y.

By the Insanity law, which was passed by the Legislature in 1896, the Board of Managers was increased to seven, and the present Board consists of

Dr. William Tod Helmuth of New York City.

Dr. Asa Stone Couch of Fredonia, N. Y.

Dr. Edwin H. Wolcott of Rochester, N. Y.

Dr. Frank B. Ormes of Jamestown, N. Y.

Dr. George W. Seymour of Westfield, N. Y.

Mr. Fred J. Blackmon of Gowanda, N. Y.

Mr. O. P. Letchworth of Buffalo, N. Y.

The officers of the Board are

Dr. William Tod Helmuth, President.

Mr. Fred J. Blackmon, Secretary and Treasurer.

In March, 1897, Dr. George Allen, then of the Middletown State Hospital, was appointed Medical Superintendent of the hospital, and continued until his death in November, 1897.

In March, 1898, he was succeeded by Dr. Daniel H. Arthur, of Middletown, as Medical Superintendent, who is now in charge of the hospital.

It is expected by the Board of Managers that the hospital buildings will be completed and equipped, and the hospital become operative, about the 1st of September of this year, and will accommodate at the outset about 400 patients. The Board of Managers anticipate continued building and development until the hospital will sustain at least 1,500 patients.



GOWANDA CHAPTER, No. 136, ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

BY DR. A. D. LAKE.

This Chapter was organized on the third day of October, 1851, under the name of Forestville Chapter, No. 136, at Forestville, N. Y.

The following named companions were the first officers :

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| ALBERT H. CAMP, | <i>High Priest.</i> |
| MARSHALL CASS, | <i>King.</i> |
| WILLIAM COLVILLE, | <i>Scribe.</i> |
| JAMES LOCKE, | <i>Captain of the Host.</i> |
| ELIAS HALL, | <i>Principal Sojourner.</i> |
| DAVID D. PARKER, | <i>Royal Arch Captain.</i> |
| REUBEN WARD, | <i>Master of 3d Vail.</i> |
| DANIEL B. PARSONS, | <i>Master of 2d Vail.</i> |
| SAMUEL AIKIN, | <i>Master of 1st Vail.</i> |
| GEORGE HOPKINS, | <i>Secretary.</i> |
| CHARLES BROWN, | <i>Treasurer.</i> |

From the beginning a large portion of the membership was from this village and its neighboring villages, Perrysburgh and Versailles, in fact, the second Master Mason to become a member of the new Chapter was Myron M. Parker, then, and now, a resident of Versailles.

From the fact that so many Masons living in or near Gowanda were earnestly interested in the organization it was thought its best interests would be promoted by its removal here, which was accordingly done on the first day of March, 1859.

On the 22d day of March, 1864, it again changed its location, going to Perrysburgh. Still another change was in store, and on July 21, 1885, it was moved back to Gowanda, and soon after the name was changed to Gowanda Chapter.

The following named Companions have filled the position of High Priest since the organization of the Chapter :

Albert H. Camp, William Colville, Albert W. Hull, David F. Moody, Frank Campbell, Adolphus M. DeLong, Byron L. Kimble,

Truman D. Keyes and Glenn M. Congdon, the last named being the present High Priest.

The other officers of the Chapter at present are as follows :

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| BYRON L. KIMBLE, | <i>King.</i> |
| NORMAN B. ALLEN, | <i>Scribe.</i> |
| J. E. VAN DEUSEN, | <i>Captain of the Host.</i> |
| WILLIAM N. WALLACE, | <i>Principal Sojourner.</i> |
| ASHER C. STAFFORD, | <i>Royal Arch Captain.</i> |
| RICHARD P. JOHNSON, | <i>Master of 3d Vail.</i> |
| JOHN WARD, | <i>Master of 2d Vail.</i> |
| J. W. DAUBER, | <i>Master of 1st Vail.</i> |
| A. M. DELONG, | <i>Secretary.</i> |
| J. W. DAUBER, | <i>Treasurer.</i> |
| CHARLES W. GAUGER, | <i>Tiler.</i> |

The Chapter is in a flourishing condition with a large membership.



PHOENIX LODGE, No. 262, F. & A. M.

This lodge was organized and has since continued in this village.

The first meeting was under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge and was held December 8, 1851, the following acting as officers :

Elias Hall, W. M.; William S. Herrick, S. W.; David D. Parker, J. W.; James Locke, treasurer; A. L. Chaffee, secretary; James Locke, S. D.; Samuel Aikin, J. D.; and George H. Hall, Tiler.

The initiation fee was fixed at \$15, but has since been raised to \$25.

The lodge was granted a charter under date of June 16, 1852, and on August 3, 1852, the first set of officers were installed as follows :

Elias Hall, W. M.; William S. Herrick, S. W.; David D. Parker, J. W.; James Locke, treasurer; A. L. Chaffee, secretary; Samuel Aikin, S. D.; Josiah Cass, J. D.; George H. Hall, Tiler.

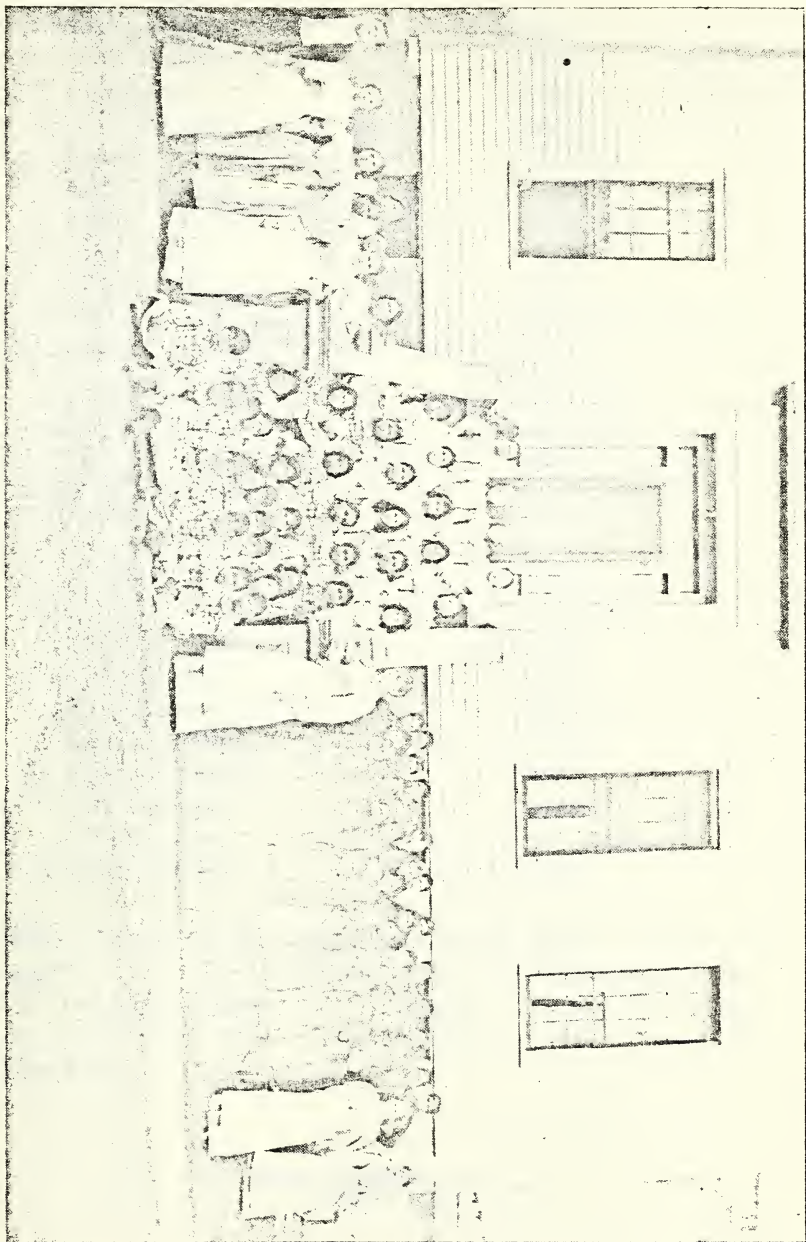
For many years up to 1884 the lodge held its meetings in the third story of the building owned by B. L. Kimble, adjoining the present site of the Commercial Hotel. The last meeting was held in that room November 12, 1884, when the lodge leased its present hall in the new brick store of Enoch Taylor on the north side of Main Street, then just completed. The first meeting in the new rooms was held November 19, 1884.

On December 4, 1884, the new rooms were dedicated by M. W. William A. Brodie, then Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York. This occasion probably witnessed one of the largest Masonic gatherings ever assembled in this village.

The lodge calendar for 1897 shows a membership of 125.

Since receiving its charter the lodge has had the following Masters :

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| ELIAS HALL, | 1852, '53. |
| WILLIAM S. HERRICK, | 1854, '55. |
| DAVID D. PARKER, | 1856. |



GROUP OF INDIAN CHILDREN — THOMAS ORPHAN ASYLUM.

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| V. A. LORD, | 1857, '58. |
| HARMON KELLY, | 1859. |
| H. S. STEBBINS, | 1860. |
| J. SAVAGE, | 1861. |
| H. S. STEBBINS, | 1862. |
| HARMON KELLY, | 1863, '64. |
| JAMES J. KERR, | 1865. |
| HARMON KELLY, | 1866, '67. |
| JOHN S. STARR, | 1868. |
| HARMON KELLY, | 1869. |
| WILLIAM A. FISH, | 1870, '71, '72, '73. |
| WILLIAM PEACOCK, | 1874. |
| WILLIAM A. FISH, | 1875, '76. |
| J. W. DAUBER, | 1877, '78. |
| A. J. PECK, | 1879. |
| BYRON L. KIMBLE, | 1880, '81, '82. |
| EDWARD ETSLER, | 1883. |
| I. R. LEONARD, | 1884. |
| H. F. CLARK, | 1885. |
| WILLIAM N. WALLACE, | 1886, '87. |
| DR. R. E. MOSS, | 1888. |
| A. C. ROMER, | 1889. |
| A. C. STAFFORD, | 1890, '91. |
| EDWARD ETSLER, | 1892. |
| FRANK C. VINTON, | 1893. |
| I. R. LEONARD, | 1894. |
| J. P. BRUECK, | 1895, '96, '97. |
| P. H. HORTON, | 1898. |

Other officers for the present year are as follows: Glenn M. Congdon, S. W.; B. W. Hathaway, J. W.; J. W. Dauber, treasurer; A. M. DeLong, secretary; W. N. Wallace, S. D.; John M. Schrott, J. D.; N. B. Allen, S. M. C.; J. H. Wilson, J. M. C.; Chas. W. Gauger, Tiler.



RELIEF LODGE, No. 328, I. O. O. F.

BY M. N. ALLEN.

This lodge was instituted by D. D. G. M. Timothy Parsons of Wyoming, October 13, 1847, with the following charter members :

M. H. Barker, John B. Wilbor, A. H. Barker, Darwin R. Barker, Ashbel H. Hurd, Frederick E. DeWolf, Stephen W. Gould, David N. Brown, Myron Parker, Stephen O. Mead, Phineas S. Fish and George N. Mead.

Thirty-seven new members were added, among which was A. W. W. Chaffee, now living here. On April 1, 1849, the lodge was changed to No. 61.

During the war, from 1861 to 1865, the members became scattered and the lodge suspended.

On January 8, 1884, Relief Lodge No. 511 was reorganized by D. D. G. M. C. D. Tuttle of East Randolph, with the following charter members :

William Peacock, N. C. Cass, Joshua Allen, Edwin P. Dailey, Ransom W. Moss, L. S. Jenks, and the following card members, viz : J. P. Romer, J. A. Bestrup, Nicholas Romer, P. J. Dudley, and the following new members, viz : M. N. Allen, J. D. Zwetsch, Charles Romer, C. D. Bigelow, H. F. Clark and Peter Larsen.

At present the officers are : George I. Lincoln, N. G. ; John D. Studley, V. G. ; M. N. Allen, secretary ; and J. A. Falk, treasurer.

David N. Brown, now of Otto, N. Y., and Myron H. Parker of Versailles, N. Y., are the only first charter members now living, while Joshua Allen is the only second charter member still a member of the lodge, and M. N. Allen the only one of the new made members of the second charter now a member here.

BANNER TENT, No. 8, K. O. T. M.

By M. N. ALLEN.

This tent was instituted June 5, 1885, with the following officers :

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| Dr. R. E. MOSS, | <i>Commander.</i> |
| F. W. KAMMERER, | <i>Lieut.-Commander.</i> |
| M. N. ALLEN, | <i>Record Keeper.</i> |
| J. V. COLE, | <i>Prelate.</i> |
| A. C. ROMER, | <i>Sergeant.</i> |
| E. H. WOODWARD, | <i>Master at Arms.</i> |
| A. T. HANSON, | <i>1st Master of Guard.</i> |
| J. A. BESTRUP, | <i>2d Master of Guard.</i> |
| CHAS. A. PALM, | <i>Sentinel.</i> |
| JOSEPH LUCAS, | <i>Picket.</i> |
| J. H. SCHAACK, | <i>Past Commander.</i> |

Subsequent Commanders have been the following :

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| J. H. SCHAACK, | 1886. |
| W. C. PROCTOR, | 1887. |
| A. C. ROMER, | 1888. |
| W. J. GRIMM, | 1889. |
| A. H. ROMANS, | 1890. |
| W. J. GRIMM, | 1891. |
| C. J. STRAUB, | 1892. |
| J. P. BRUECK, | 1893. |
| C. J. STRAUB, | 1894. |
| WM. DERUCIA, | 1895. |
| S. E. TIFFANY, | 1896. |
| D. W. SCHULTZ, | 1897. |

The present officers are as follows :

Com., T. N. Witherell ; L.-Com., J. P. Dean ; R. K., A. T. Skinner ; F. K., M. N. Allen.

The above tent now has a membership of 107. Dr. R. E. Moss, the first Commander, is now Supreme Medical Examiner of the Order, with headquarters at Port Huron, Mich.

Among the other fraternal and other societies of the village are the following :

GOWANDA LODGE No. 46, A. O. U. W.—L. C. Feigel, M. W.; Geo. W. Howard, Secretary.

DARBY POST No. 359, G. A. R.—J. A. Gleazen, Commander; G. W. Howard, Adjutant.

W. C. T. U.—Mrs. J. E. Pratt, President; Mrs. M. S. Torrance, Secretary.

MOSS HIVE No. 5, L. O. T. M.—Mrs. Georgia Foster, Lady Com.; Mrs. Geo. Thoen, Lady R. K.

THE GOWANDA CLUB.—Wm. N. Wallace, President; Franklin E. Bard, Secretary.

LADIES' MONDAY EVENING CLUB.—Mrs. Mary L. Babcock, President; Mrs. Fred Allen, Secretary.

GO-WAN-GO MOHAWK TRIBE No. 383, I. O. R. M.—Instituted March 5, 1898. Frank L. Mattocks, Sachem; George W. Kramer, Senior Sagamore; L. J. Stafford, Keeper of Records; J. P. Dean, Keeper of Wampum. Meets every Wednesday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall.



THE THOMAS ASYLUM.

BY DR. A. D. LAKE.

THE Thomas Asylum for Orphan and Destitute Indian Children, although not located within the corporate limits of the village, has been closely identified with Gowanda since its existence.

A majority of its board of managers have generally been citizens of this place, and the same is true of the several superintendents, matrons, physicians and teachers who, at various times, have filled these positions in the institution.

This noble charity, as its name implies, is devoted to the maintenance and education of Indian children, natives of the various reservations of the State. It is located on the Cattaraugus Reservation, and owns one hundred acres of the most productive land in the country. Fifty acres of this land was the gift of the Seneca Nation of Indians.

Its inception is due to Rev. Asher Wright and his wife, missionaries who spent their long and active lives in unselfish and devoted work, teaching these Indians Christianity and civilization.

Mr. Wright found among the Indians under his care numerous instances of destitution and degradation. His sympathies were especially awakened by the condition of many of the children, who, deprived of opportunities of education and moral training, began early the acquirement of vicious habits.

The necessity of some means which should overcome this condition and prevent its inevitable results, so appealed to him and his estimable wife, that they assumed the care and maintenance of ten of these Indian children, taking them to their home and there providing for them as though they were their own.

Influenced by the zeal and kindness to their children exhibited by Mr. Wright, the Indian council, about the year 1854, set aside a tract of fifty acres on which should be located an asylum and school for the benefit of the orphan and destitute Indian children of all the reservations of the State.

Following this gift of land, the institution was incorporated by act of the Legislature passed in 1855. This act appointed the following named gentlemen as the first board of managers, viz :

Eber M. Pettit, Chauncey F. Carrier, S. G. Ellis, Elisha Brown and Asher Wright, white men, and Sylvester Lay, Wallace King, Zachariah L. Jimmerson, Lewis Seneca and Joshua Pierce, Indians.

The Legislature also, by this act, appropriated the sum of \$2,000 toward the erection of a building and \$500 annually for two years to assist in the maintenance of the inmates.

With this small sum Mr. Wright and his fellow members of the board of managers began the work. By aid from various sources, largely through the generosity of Philip Thomas of Baltimore, from whom the institution derives its name, sufficient money was obtained to erect a portion of the present building. The corner stone was laid Friday, October 14, 1855. A large concourse of people were present at the ceremonies, and eloquent addresses were made by both Indians and white men.

The building was first occupied in June, 1856, and fifty children were received therein.

Aside from the yearly appropriation of \$500, which by urgent solicitation was continued by the Legislature beyond the two years originally provided for, the asylum was entirely dependent upon individual aid. For twenty years each member of the board became of necessity a soliciting agent, seeking to obtain from any source any gift, either money, food or clothing, which would enable them to continue the noble charity in which they had engaged.

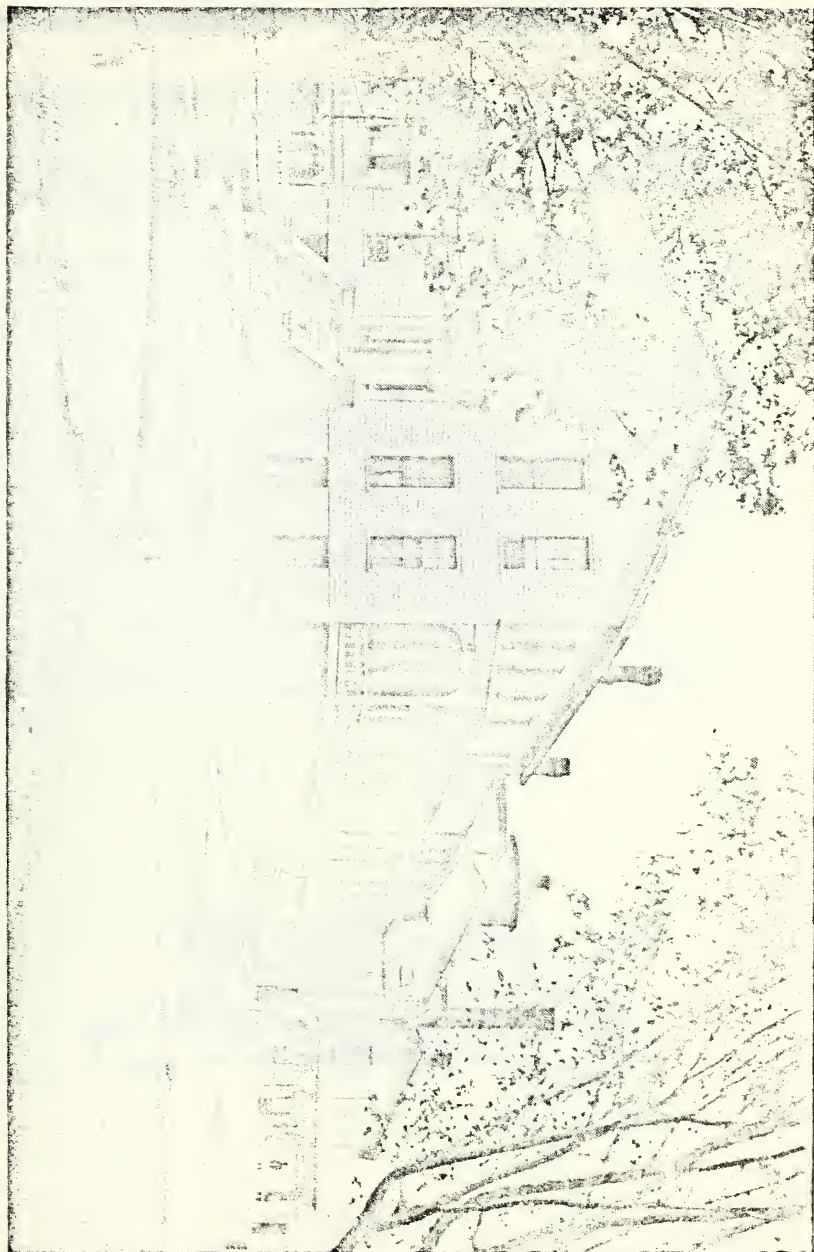
In 1875, however, brighter days opened upon the institution. By an act of the Legislature of this year it became a State institution, receiving an annual appropriation of \$8,500, which sum has been increased at various times until at present the yearly maintenance fund is \$20,000.

By an additional appropriation made by the last two Legislatures, provision is made for the erection of new buildings to cost \$50,000. These structures are now in process of erection and will be ready for occupancy January 1, 1899.

The Asylum has been most fortunate in both its managers and officers. They have always been intelligent men and women, deeply interested in the work assigned them.

The following named gentlemen have filled the position of superintendent, viz :

THOMAS ORPHAN ASYLUM.



B. F. Hall, J. H. VanValkenburg, H. W. Hooker, A. F. Bennett and George I. Lincoln.

The present Board of Managers consists of :

Mrs. Lily Lord Tift, Henry R. Howland, Heman M. Blasdell, N. A. Chaffee, S. G. Keyes, John Schoepflin, John C. Wilber, Harrison Halftown, Walker Jimmerson and King Tallchief.

The institution is at present under the efficient management of George I. Lincoln, Superintendent, and Mrs. Emily P. Lincoln, Matron.

It has come to be recognized as one of the most deserving charities of the State. It now maintains and educates 100 Indian children, who are retained in the institution until the age of sixteen, and are then furnished homes, preferably among white people, by the management. It has been, since its existence, one of the most important factors in raising the Indians to a higher plane of civilization, leading them toward the inevitable goal of citizenship, where they shall be merged into the body politic of the commonwealth.

It has the encouragement and good will of all the people who have investigated its noble work, and who realize the important bearing its successful efforts have had upon the people for whose good it has an existence.



OUR ADVERTISERS.

GOWANDA can refer with pardonable pride to her mercantile houses, manufactories and other industries, some of which are represented in this book. This village has the various branches of business usually found in villages of its size. It is not claimed that Gowanda leads all other villages, but we do claim that it is a thriving, healthy locality of pleasant homes and prosperous people, which will not suffer by comparison with its sister villages. It is a pleasing fact that, almost without exception, those who formerly lived here still have a deep interest in this village and its people. This has been especially noticeable in the preparations for the celebration of this 50th anniversary. Many who have gone from among us to other localities have become prominent in professional and business circles, and some of those business interests are here represented.

In the Buffalo Bolt Co. we have its president, Mr. Ralph H. Plumb, a native of Gowanda, who lived here till early manhood, and who has been for many years a prominent manufacturer of the city of Buffalo. The Buffalo Bolt Co. is among the largest manufacturers of nuts and bolts in the United States.

Charles B. Barker was also born in Gowanda, and lived nearly half his life here. The Barker House, a cut of which appears in another part of this book, was for many years prior to 1875 a familiar landmark in this village; and Charley Barker, as he was familiarly called, was a friend of every one in this vicinity, and was as well known as the hotel of which he and his father, the Hon. Michael H. Barker, were the proprietors for so many years. Mr. Barker has for some time been the head of the C. B. Barker Manufacturing Co. of New York and Brooklyn, makers of silver-plated ware.

Fayette R. Plumb, a brother of Ralph H. Plumb, is another representative of the former citizens of Gowanda. Both are sons of the Hon. J. H. Plumb, and grandsons of Ralph Plumb, one of the pioneers of this vicinity. Fayette R. Plumb was born in Gowanda, and for many years past has been one of the largest manufacturers in the city of Philadelphia, being at the head of the corporation which bears his name.

Gowanda, on her fiftieth birthday, sends greetings to her former residents, with her best wishes for their future happiness and prosperity.

SUPPLEMENTAL.

The following interesting communication has been received from one of our former residents, the Rev. Albert H. Plumb, D. D., of Boston, Mass.

It is here inserted, as it was received after the preceding portion of this book had been printed.

Prior to 1849 what is now comprised in the Union School District was in two districts. One school house was near the site of the present M. E. Church, the other, "The old red school house," was on Buffalo Street, on "the site now occupied by Peter Rink's store." (See page 85.) In this school house the Presbyterian Church worshipped for a time. Here the first temperance society was formed, and, later, during the Washingtonian temperance reformation, stirring meetings were held here, one reformed man (Barney McGrady) sometimes electrifying the audience, by describing "the mind-engraving business" he used to carry on in the gutters.

In the campaign between Harrison and Van Buren, in 1840, rousing whig meetings made the old school house echo for "Tippecanoe and Tyler too, and with them we'll beat little Van, Van, Van, Van is a used-up man," as they sang.

Various select schools were early taught, mainly by ladies—one in a school building in the rear of the Presbyterian church, one over R. Plumb's store near the bridge, another in a large upper room in Mr. Pierce's house on Main Street, above the Mansion House.

A ladies' seminary was for some years maintained in the old store on the green, near the Eagle Tavern, by Mrs. Fisk, a sister of Joseph and Ralph Plumb, the widow of a clergyman. Pupils came to this school from Eden and Fredonia and other places. A school was taught for a time, I think, over Porter Welch's store, by Joseph G. Cochrane, who afterwards married Deborah, daughter of Joseph Plumb.

They went to Persia as missionaries, where they died after many years of labor. Their son, a graduate of Buffalo Medical College, established the first hospital ever opened in Persia.

During the pastorate of Rev. J. B. Preston he taught a flourishing school in the basement of the Presbyterian Church.

After the church was burned, worship was continued in the ball room of the Eagle Tavern, and there also the school was held.

In 1842 and 1843, Mr. Edwin E. Williams, from Hamilton College, was the principal. He became a minister in 1856, and after long and useful pastorates in Warsaw, N. Y., and Elyria, O., died in 1896.

Samuel Sedgwick was the first principal of the Union School, in 1844. He was succeeded by F. P. Kennedy, who gave way, in the spring of 1847, to Rev. B. T. Roberts, who afterwards founded the Free Methodist Church here, the son of Titus Roberts, merchant and minister.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF GOWANDA, N. Y.

In 1848, Samuel Gurley Love, afterwards at the head of Randolph Academy, became the principal; and this position was held during the winter term of 1849 and '50, by Albert H. Plumb, Dr. John F. Allen having charge of the classical department.

One of the pupils under Rev. B. T. Roberts was Edwin A. Johnson, son of Alfred Johnson, who was a cabinet maker and gunsmith, and a renowned hunter. He was an active member of the Methodist Church, and his son Edwin became a Methodist minister of prominence, dying some years since in connection, I think, with the Pittsburgh Conference.

Among other pupils of Gowanda Union School were two sons of Alvin Bugbee — Lucius H. Bugbee, D. D., eminent as a preacher and educator in the Methodist denomination, and George Bugbee, D. D., an Episcopal clergyman of Los Angeles, Cal.

(The widow of Lucius H. Bugbee is now Mrs. Elisha L. Johnson of Cattaraugus, N. Y.)

I do not think there was ever a district school at Hidi. There was a school house at Point Peter, where I used to go for a mission Sunday School in 1849; also, one at Bagdad, or Lapham's Mills, two and one half miles northeast from Gowanda, where we also had a mission Sunday School. A school house east from Gowanda, one mile above George and Enos Sonthwick's places, at the four corners, was the nearest school house. Anti-slavery meetings used to be held there, as also in other outlying school houses, and in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, where they were sometimes broken up.

The Gowanda brass band was to give a concert in the Presbyterian Church the night it burned down. A fire was made to warm the church, and the stove pipe, where it entered the chimney in the attic, had become rusted out so that the soot took fire and set the building afire.

Mr. Charles E. Swett, principal of the school from 1864 to July, 1865, now of Boston, Mass., says William Wallace Roller (page 78), after his return from the war, entered school to prepare for college — a full grown man in size, he took his place with boys and girls in the classes and made rapid progress. He afterwards followed Mr. Swett to his school at Oneida, N. Y. (where fifteen Gowanda students went, nine being there at one time), and when fitted entered Dartmouth College, where he spent two years. Mr. Roller was the son of John P. Roller, whose father, who was a long time the sexton of the Presbyterian Church, fought in the wars against Napoleon.

Brazilla Coon (page 16) climbed the shagbark hickory pole in front of the post-office when the flag cord came down. The rough bark took the skin off from his hands.

I think Mr. Amasa L. Chaffee threw a stone with a cord over the catch on the top of the pole when the cord fell again.

Mr. Chaffee had his hat taken off his head by a "Snake's head," as it was called (a bent rail, one of the old strap rails on the early railroads, which would work loose at the ends and bend up till they would be caught by a wheel, and come up through the floor of the car), as he was returning from buying goods in New York.

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